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BRIA GARDNER, who joined several students for a ghost hunt at Maryville's workman's Chapel, was pictured with an alleged orb trail swirling around her.

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**MARYVILLE
FIREFIGHTERS**
prepare to see if
a fire that started
in the basement
of a home spread
throughout the
house.

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OUR VIEW

Be safe, make most of your 3-day weekend

For some, the upcoming three-day weekend means sleeping in, others will make a trip home and some will celebrate here in Maryville.

There will be beer pong tournaments, Kegs and Eggs and Cakes and Eggs, however you chose to spend your weekend, the Northwest Missourian encourages you to stay safe and be responsible. Remember Safe Ride operates Friday and Saturday night from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Although most Northwest students celebrate Homecoming by sleeping in and attending a slew of annual alcohol-sponsored events, this year try to make time to reconnect with your University. Homecoming is a time to reconnect with your alumni and celebrate Northwest's history and future.

On Friday, come enjoy the Walkout Day Celebration at Golden Pond from noon to 4 p.m.

On Saturday morning come out and support all the Greek and independent organizations during the parade. Some organizations have spent countless hours on their floats, so starting at 9 a.m. come and watch these tissue-paper masterpieces, clowns and area bands march down Fourth Street.

Saturday afternoon cheer on your Bearcat football team, with Bearcat Zone celebrations starting at 11 a.m.

To see a more detailed schedule of Homecoming events check out the Campus Activities list at nwmissouri.edu/campusactivities/homecoming/schedule.htm.

So whether you're celebrating your three-day weekend in Maryville or abroad, remember to stay safe and make the most of your homecoming celebrations.

MORE WEB COMMENTS

In response to "Hubbard backs logo decision, applauds student concerns" Disappointed Alumni posted 10/18/07

I am truly one disappointed alumni. If the University doesn't support its students/faculty/alumni, why should I support the university? Yes, I am talking about monetary support as Hubbard only sees dollar signs he obviously can't see that the majority of the University doesn't approve of this move.

In response to "Your Man questions SAC's spending abilities" Student posted 10/18/07

First of all, I would just like to point out that SAC takes the student's opinions and try to bring someone that a majority of campus will enjoy. As for Hinder, they must not have been too bad if the show was totally sold out. I am not saying that you have to like Hinder, or the other bands that they work so hard to bring. And as for the money spending or as you would say "blowing" SAC is only allowed to carry over 2 percent of the budget that is left over to the next year. If they don't spend the money, then it is wasted and doesn't get used for anything. Would you rather have your money just be thrown down the toilet and used for nothing, or have it go towards things like concerts, lectures, and entertainment, even if you don't necessarily approve?

If you got rid of SAC from the student body, you could also say goodbye to free entertainment, cheap concert tickets, and extra credit lectures that a lot of people enjoy.

Even though students have to pay \$70 for an Activities cost, SAC usually doesn't make student pay any more than that. At SAC events people usually can win big prizes such as big screen TV's, iPods, or gift certificates just to name a few, not to mention free T-shirts and free or cheap tickets to our events.

Have opinions? Want them heard? The Northwest Missourian opinion page is looking for students and community members interested in being guest columnists or editorial writers for the fall trimester.

So, if you're a political animal, a news fanatic or just need to get something off your chest, feel free to submit.

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MY VIEW

Colbert gets more than laughs with candidity

Even if you're not a fan of his show, you've got to give him credit.

Stephen Colbert is soaking up the limelight and reminding everyone why political talk shows have been so important in recent elections.

In case you haven't heard, political talk show pundit Stephen Colbert, of the "Colbert Report," recently announced his candidacy for president in his home state of South Carolina. Of course this coincides with the debut of his new book, "I Am America (And So Can You!)." This isn't the first time an entertainer has run for president, comedian Pat Paulsen was a candidate several times starting in 1968.

I'm not for sure what Colbert's motive is, but I'll give him credit, hopefully more voters in my demographic, 18-34, will pay attention and come out and vote during the primary race if he plugs it enough during his show. This has to work better than the 2004 "Vote or Die" ploy right?



Jessica Schmidt
Opinion Editor

While Colbert's show isn't exactly the most informational outlet for the election, he is just another example of how the political talk show is influencing elections.

It's hard to say when this trend began. In the 2000 presidential election for instance, Al Gore was leading George Bush by six points in an October poll. The political talk show "conservatives" such as Rush

Limbaugh began bashing on Gore and bringing up his supposed exaggerations—for instance, the claim that he invented the Internet, etc. Shortly thereafter this Gore mythology became apart of the mainstream media, showing up on cable news shows and on Internet news sources such as Wired.net.

So what did Limbaugh and other conservative talk show hosts prove? That they can influence what the mainstream media covers and have an affect on campaign coverage. Colbert and his counterpart, Jon Stewart, have made their living making fun of and imitating members of the media, as well as the politicians and subjects they cover.

Personally, I love the "Daily Show" and the "Colbert Report," not because they provide me with all the news I need to know for the day, but because they are experts in calling out hypocrisies and imitating spin. And you would be hard-pressed to find bigger examples of hypocrisy and hard-core spin methods outside of presidential elections.

Who knows how long his "stunt" will last, but I'd be the first to tune in if he participated in one of those unusually stiff and formal presidential debates.

So do I think Colbert will influence the election results with his candidacy? No, but I do hope he drives young voters to the polls and calls out a few candidates along the way.

One thing's for sure, Colbert's already proved to be another example of how the political talk show can influence elections.

You can't tell me that none of the NWMSU administration attends a conference for the betterment of this college! Conferences are in every facet of business!!! Also, if that student fee was not there you would not have been able to use your so called talent to write this article!!!!

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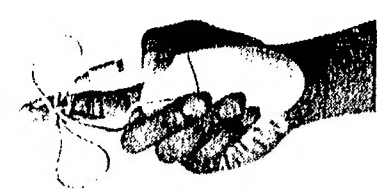
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OPINION

COMMENTS FROM NWMISSOURIAN.COM



In response to "Your Man questions SAC's spending abilities" Ridiculous posted 10/18/07

I cannot believe this article was even allowed to be printed! Your references to prostitution, strip clubs, "the SAC", and other little clever words you used throughout, just goes to show the rest of us that the author of this article should not be taken seriously. Really tacky.

Defending SAC posted 10/18/07

Everyone has an opinion but it's too bad that the author was allowed to post their negative comments on this Web site. So you don't like Hinder? Oh well. SAC will never make everyone happy. Surveys were sent out to the student body and the concert was a big success; totally SOLD OUT. And as far as the \$70 fee? There are many free events that you can attend and if you don't, then that's your loss. Many people pay for Health Insurance, Car Insurance, the Health Center, and even if we don't need to go to the doctor, file an accident report, or use the Health Center, we don't whine about it. I just pay it. It's obvious that you are not a member of SAC, so it's easy for you to bash the organization, but from what I've seen the students involved put in a lot of extra time and hard work just to try and make people like YOU happy. At least Northwest tries to make things nice for all of us... how many other colleges even offer these type of events? Not many. Stop whining.

Ban The Man posted 10/18/07

For someone who seems as uptight as yourself you might get some good out of a Hinder concert!!!

You are free to state your opinion just as I am right now!! It takes all kinds to make this world and your kind included!! Every single one of us is entitled to our likes and dislikes and that also goes for our taste in music!! As for the conference which is to help teach and give the SAC officers new contacts so that they can provide different services at NWMSU!!

That conference is also for the benefit of the performers, speakers, etc. It is a way to get these talent and skills noticed by several colleges. It works both ways!!

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GUILTY: Montgomery convicted for kidnapping resulting in murder

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The family of Bobbie Jo Stinnett did not make themselves available for comment, spokesman Dan Madden said.

Earlier in the day, prosecutor Roseann Ketchmark began the United States' closing arguments by rehabilitating an e-mail from Carl Boman, Montgomery's ex-husband and father of all four of her children, sent in November 2004, in the midst of their custody battle.

"How would Kevin, his parents or this community react if they found out you were never pregnant and you lied to so many?" Boman asked. "Try to remain cool when your lies are exposed."

The prosecution claimed throughout the 11 days of testimony that Montgomery plotted to kidnap the Stinnetts' baby because she feared Boman would expose her false claims of pregnancy to a judge who would strip her of custody of their four children and child support paid by Boman.

Ketchmark pointed out that Montgomery's sister, Patty Baldwin; Boman; and Judy Shaughnessy, Montgomery's mother, all knew that Montgomery underwent a permanent sterilization procedure following the birth of her last child, Kayla.

Ketchmark attacked the prosecution's claims of Montgomery being delusional one final time by paraphrasing a statement first heard earlier in the trial from forensic psychiatrist Park Dietz.

"Delusions don't need to be fed," Dietz said. "Delusional people believe them. They don't need to be fed."

As was the case throughout the trial, defense attorney John O'Connor made no effort to deny Montgomery's actions. He instead asked the jury to take into account the "why" of the act.

"How in the world do we find the truth of mental illness and also reconcile the murder of an innocent woman?" O'Connor asked. The question would become a theme for the remainder of the statement.

"It's hard to put our arms around mental illness, because we don't understand it," O'Connor said.

O'Connor's passionate final statement criticized Dietz's earlier testimony for ignoring the physical signs of pseudocyesis, a false belief of pregnancy sometimes manifesting in the form of a swollen abdomen, and swollen and sometimes leaking breasts.

The defense built its case on the foundation that pseudocyesis had rendered Montgomery delusional and incapable of enduring the "nature, quality and wrongfulness" of her actions, as defined by the legal test for insanity.

Specifically, O'Connor accused the prosecution of shifting focus from the alleged physical proof of pseudocyesis to other evidence. He questioned Dietz's controversial testimony in the murder trial of Andrea Yates that became grounds for her appeal, invoked Dietz's comments from a December 2004 CNN interview calling women who plot to steal children "scheming, manipulative, lying, evil" and frequently called Dietz a "hired gun." Dietz never specifically

attached the adjectives or analysis to Montgomery specifically in the interview.

Every time a question arises, it's get the knife out, get the rope out, get the pictures out," O'Connor said.

O'Connor hypothetically likened Dietz's testimony in the case following the interview — which took place four days before the United States hired Dietz — to an NFL official proclaiming "The Chiefs are going to lose," only to referee the next Kansas City Chiefs game.

Meanwhile, O'Connor continued to back the medical expertise of psychiatrist William Logan and physician V.S. Ramachandran in diagnosing Montgomery with pseudocyesis while continuing to press that Montgomery's history of sexual abuse contributed to the condition's development.

O'Connor excused Montgomery leaving evidence of the crime in her trunk, saying "The delusion was fulfilled."

That's why she didn't hide the evidence anymore." He further painted Montgomery as a hero for enduring sexual abuse as a teenager from stepfather Jack Kleiner to stop him from beating her siblings.

O'Connor invoked the story of late civil rights activist Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat on an Alabama bus as an example of the "courage" he hoped the jury would seek to find Montgomery either not guilty or not guilty by insanity. Near the end, O'Connor once more implored the jury to think beyond the basic facts.

"I think us turning out back on this issue of mental illness is like (Lisa's) mother turning her back on her," O'Connor said.

Whitworth quickly addressed the invocation of Parks's legacy.

"To use that woman's name in a case like this, of brutal murder, is inappropriate," Whitworth said. Whitworth countered O'Connor criticism of Dietz, saying that he considered Dietz "the best" in his field, while pointing out that Ramachandran received \$350 per hour for his work for the defense.

Whitworth further called Ramachandran "out of his league" in his analysis.

Whitworth made one final plea to the jury. He first placed a wedding photo of Zeb and Bobbie Jo Stinnett next to a photo of a pregnant Bobbie Jo found on her ImageEvent account online.

He followed them immediately with side-by-side pictures of Stinnett being loaded into an ambulance on a gurney and a medical examiner's photo of Stinnett's face.

Whitworth further reminded the jury that every one of Victoria Jo Stinnett's birthdays would coincide with the anniversary of her mother's murder.

"That is what that woman over there did to Bobbie Jo Stinnett," Whitworth said. "The last thing she saw before she died was that woman cutting that baby out of her womb."

The jury from the guilt phase of the trial will also make a sentencing recommendation to Fenner for the penalty phase. The jury continues to be barred from media contact.

RE-ENACTMENT: History relived

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re-enact Blair Hill and other Civil War battles. Re-enactor David Hunt said Blair Hill is one of his favorite events.

"It's less structured than many events," Hunt said. "They'll allow us to play and have fun at the same time. We're showing as much as we can the way people lived back then during the war."

Kansas City native CJ Brewer enjoys his time as a re-enactor spending it with friends and traveling.

"We go all over the place," Brewer said. "We're headed to Tennessee next weekend."

Dressed in full physical character, Brewer has grown a full unkempt beard and walks around barefoot, on account of having war style shoes.

"Barfoot's really not that bad, once you get use to it," he said.

A full enjoyment for all re-enactors, Girdner and Hunt say there are a couple of difficulties.

"Sometimes it can be physically demanding," Girdner said. "There's been times when I've been in re-enactments when we've marched 15 miles in a day."

Packing up and going home is difficult for Hunt.

"It's a lot more work, but it's more realistic," he said.

A large number of spectators came to partake in the weekend's festivities.

Along with different battles, North and South were set up at the Fortescue school and church for touring. Church services were given on Oct. 21 with a mock trial and quilt demonstrations.

Trout explained, re-enactments of the Civil War help teach history to a younger generation.

"I think if we don't have things like this, nobody will remember that," he said.

More information on the Battle of Blair Hill is available at the Holt County Historical Society in Mound City.

GHOSTS: Students seek spirit world

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grounds of the cemetery and the chapel taking pictures and shooting video.

Are you lonely? Sure is cold out here? Just a couple of questions I was asking with hopes of hearing a ghostly response by practice of electronic voice phenomena (EVP).

The playback didn't reveal any results. However, playback from my recorder I left sitting on top of a grave seemed to reveal the sound of what seems to be running horses, but no voices were heard.

The air became colder as the sun faded over the hills. As the darkness increased, many students began to see orbs throughout their digital photos.

Some stayed in the cemetery taking photos and measured electricity levels above grave sites, while others sat on the floor of the chapel in silence listening for any possible spirits.

Darkness grew larger and the frigid air decreased deeper in temperature.

I spent most of my time wandering the cemetery, walking slowly to see if anything could be heard or felt. I didn't experience much, but when I went to retrieve the recorder I felt as if someone was walking nearby.

It sounded as if someone was walking in the grass next to me, but of course nothing was there and no animals were in the area either.

Despite a few random orbs, nothing really turned up on camera, with the exception of a picture of Brianna Gardner, who came along to the ghost hunt.

In a single photo of Gardner standing alone with no one around, trails of white and grey swirl around her. The trails resemble the tail of a comet flying through space.

When all was said and done for the evening, it was clear that some experiences may differ.

The grounds of the chapel aren't as creepy as some may think, but it may depend who you're there with.

Whether you experience something or not, there's no doubt that Workman's Chapel will leave you wondering.

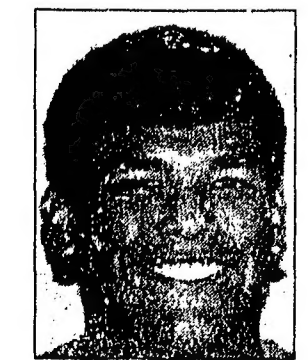
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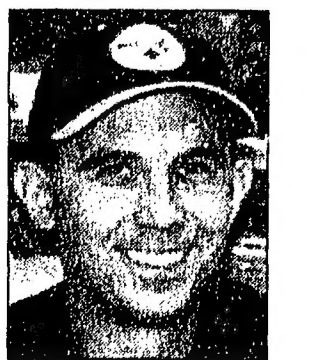
What are you going to be for Halloween?



"I'm going as a Troll, like the ones you rubbed their bellies for good luck."
Pete Trujillo
Deciding



"I want to get back with my roots, so I'm going as Native American."
Lindsey Decker
Marketing



"Sergio Garcia, because everyone says I look like him."
Matthew Walker
Assistant Professor of Communication, Theatre and Languages



"Well I haven't decided yet, but either something with baseball or a devil."
Lyndsay Carson
Public Relations



"A fat chick in a hula outfit with a broken foot. I broke my foot last week."
Mat Kiefer
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A day in the life of local custodians

By Jessica Voyles
Missourian Reporter

Tell Maryville Middle School custodian Tony Dulin your strange experiences in life and he will recount the time he found bats in the vents at MMS. Mention how terrible your year has been due to illness in the family and elementary school custodian Linda Stein will keep things in perspective by telling you about her incidents of vomit she has to clean up.

For these Maryville school custodians, there is not a single event preventing them from relating to vomit, bats, or other random things from their schools.

"I've been here 24 some years now, and I've seen lots with the kids and things with the school. One time I found a skeleton of a pigeon behind a wall," said Dulin. Middle school custodian Mary Teuscher added "There's definitely never a dull moment, whether it's cleaning up after the kids, or even partying with the teachers." "We party with the teachers a lot."

Aside from the social interaction between staff members, a typical day for each custodian consists of cleaning all the classrooms, offices, gyms, cafeteria, bathrooms (several times a day and sometimes with not so fun situations) sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, cleaning windows and disposing

of the trash. "I work every shift from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the very first thing we do is meet in the cafeteria and clean that up. It usually takes us about a half hour and that's with three people working together. It's harder when there's only a two of us," Stein said.

Obviously, there is more to custodial life than just cleaning, as demonstrated by Teuscher.

In fact, school custodian Linda Stein occupies herself with another cleaning job on top of a country bluegrass and gospel band. The band, called Northwest Opry, meets every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Movie Magic place.

"I've been in the custodial business for ten years, and I like to clean but I like to do other things as well," said Stein.

Teuscher also working another job as a house cleaner, more often than not finds herself doing family history research in her spare time.

"I like this job but I like to have a life also," she said. With each janitor working long days, some more pleasant than others, it's a wonder that there is

no Custodian Appreciation Day at the schools. Teuscher, who works the 12:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. shift every day comments on people saying thank you a little more.

"Sometimes we are not appreciated enough by the outside community. Like when you tell people you are a janitor, they just give you a look and are like 'Oh, you actually like that?'" said Teuscher. "There could be worse jobs, but I love to clean and it's rewarding."

"The kids are always doing something, and the hardest part is getting used to the different schedules of practice, but a lot of the kids say thank you, and you even start to have favorites of the ones who always remember."

For Stein it's a different story on some level.

"I don't interact with the kids as much as the day custodians, but when I do it seems that they kind of look up to me. It's like they think 'Oh boy a janitor,' she said. "They think I'm somebody and that is a nice feeling. I like knowing that I'm doing my part by creating a clean and safe environment for everybody."

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REVITALIZATION

Phase 1 of revitalization nears completion around square

By Michael Clements
Missourian Reporter

Phase one of the Downtown Revitalization Project nears completion as rains continue to dampen construction efforts.

The project is near 90 percent complete and will be near completion by the homecoming parade within the budget City Manager Matt LeCerc said.

The homecoming parade will stop short of the normal route around the courthouse to protect the newly installed sod. The sod is expected to be in place by the time of the parade County Commissioner Bob Westfall said.

The sod being placed this week, weather permitting, will need time to settle into the lawn, Westfall said. "People like to stand around the courthouse and we didn't want things getting torn up," Westfall said.

Remaining construction on phase one includes the laying of sod, asphalt around the curbs and painting the parking lines.

The County Commissioners office is considering holding a contest to design a flag for the county to be flown on the courthouse lawn.

A time capsule will be placed in a brick column next to Main Street during a celebration on Nov. 7th. The event will be at the courthouse from 4 to 7 p.m. Items from area communities are being collected and the Commissioner's office will decide on the contents of the time capsule.

Phase one will be finished completely by the Veterans Day celebration at the courthouse on Nov. 12th, Westfall said.

Phases two and three will begin once adequate funding becomes available and are projected to be completed in a year, LeCerc said.

"Without private donations and the hard work by the committee members it's really been a grass root effort," LeCerc said. "It's definitely an uphill battle in terms of making sure you have the necessary funds."

Funding comes from the community in donations and a Missouri tax credit program. With a minimum donation of \$1000, donors will receive a 50 percent tax credit.

Custom bricks costing \$250 around the courthouse will remain available for purchase after the completion of phase one construction. Westfall said the money from brick sales will be used for funding phases two and three.

"We're establishing ourselves, as focusing not only on the other



THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION project continues around the Maryville square. Phase I completion is expected for November.

portions of the city but also trying to revitalize downtown, and years ago this was the heart of the community and were everything happened," LeCerc said.

The city wants to expand on the streetscape throughout parts of the downtown area which spans from Jenkins Street to Sixth Street between Fillmore and Vine streets including Franklin park, LeCerc said.

A future expansion to the streetscape would be similar to the initial phases in terms of lighting and concrete.

Maryville being nominated as a DREAM city may fuel the revitalization project, LeCerc said.

"An ideal downtown area you have a good mix of residential, professional offices, retail businesses, you're public institutions and your park areas as well," LeCerc said. "I think what it will do is it will enable us to more actively pursue other business in downtown, I think it will help to revitalize downtown as a place to live, work and play."

COMMUNITY

TRICK OR TREAT

Have a healthy, happy Halloween

Missourians encouraged to purchase healthier hand-outs

By Erin Loges
Missourian Reporter

This Halloween, sugar and carbs can give as much fright as ghosts and goblins. Health experts are suggesting healthier treats because of rising obesity rates in Missouri.

Trick-or-treaters who eat large amounts of candy on Halloween increase their chances of obesity and tooth decay. The Missouri Department of Health has ideas for different, healthier ways to celebrate the holiday.

"We encourage alternatives for both those handing out candy and parents," Donna Mehrle, health department, said.

Alternative food items suggested by the health department include raisins, crackers, pretzels, granola bars and juice boxes. The department also recommends non-edibles: pencils, stickers or small toys.

"Children get so much candy that the best alternatives are things like Halloween stickers and face tattoos," Mehrle said. "I even know of some dentists who give out toothbrushes."

It is up to parents to decide if kids eating candy on Halloween is a big deal. "My seven-month-old obviously won't eat any, but I'll let my three-and-a-half-year old have it," Linda Sterling said.

The health department recommends rationing out candy to kids.

"Kids who eat too much candy can get sick or get too full to consume healthier food," Mehrle said.

Another concern during Halloween every year is food safety. The health department reminds parents to check over treats for tampering before they give them to their children.

"I definitely follow the rule of not letting my son eat anything opened," Sterling said.

According to the health department, the most important thing is that people make an extra effort to keep kids healthy and safe on Halloween.

"With a little planning, it's not difficult to take a healthier approach to trick-or-treating," Mehrle said.

CLASSROOM SIZE

Smaller is better, at least for Maryville classrooms

By Kenny Larabee
Missourian Reporter

It's a scenario all too familiar to students across the country.

It may be in third grade classrooms or high school chemistry labs. Student look around and it seems as if everyone knows what's going on except for them. They raise their hand, but the teacher is helping another student, and is far too busy to give the attention necessary to catch the student up with the rest of the class.

There are simply too many students for the teacher to handle.

Classroom size has constantly been a juggling act for administrators, especially since Tennessee's Student Teacher Achievement Ratio (STAR) study researching classroom size began in the 1980s. The STAR project showed that reducing class sizes coincided with higher levels of learning, especially between kindergarten and the third grades.

Although class sizes in Maryville are reasonable, it's an issue that still must be assessed by officials such as Eugene Field Elementary principal Steve Klotz.

"In our district and our building we have tried to maintain class sizes that were reasonable in size, just because we know the importance of that factor on productivity in the classroom," Klotz said. "Especially in the primary grades."

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education provide standards for which each public school can allow for class sizes. The standards vary depending on the grade. For example, the minimum standard for a first grade class is 25 students, while the desirable standard is 20 students.

Klotz said that Eugene Field is below the minimum standard in all its grade levels. Maryville Senior High School also does an excellent job of exceeding the standards, principal Jason Eggers said.

Reading and writing are especially important in the primary grades. It provides a foundation with which students learn other subjects, second grade teacher Shirley Barnett said.

"I think you need time to make sure, especially in lower elementary, that you work on the reading and writing," Barnett said. "Reading plays a big issue even in their math and lots of people don't realize that."

Smaller classes allow for more interaction between students and teachers, students are more likely to ask questions and group work is more feasible Assistant Professor of psychology, Ryan Wessell, said.

"From a psychological standpoint I think being actively engaged in the classroom is a very important thing in terms of learning," Wessell said. "It certainly helps learn the material rather than just simply listening to the teacher talk all the time."

So if smaller class sizes foster growth, why don't more schools implement them? Maryville Schools Superintendent Vickie Miller presented the flip-side.

"We have so many rooms in the district and we don't have any more than that," Miller said. "And then we have so much money to spend and it costs money to put more teachers on staff."

"I don't think there is an advantage (to large class sizes) except for how it affects your budget and that doesn't have a lot to do with kids' learning."

While all the officials interviewed said that smaller classes were favorable, anonymity could be considered an advantage of large class sizes.

"There might be an advantage if people don't like working in groups; if they want to be more behind the scenes," Wessell said. "Maybe they'd be more comfortable in a large group setting"

where they don't have to talk too much and where they're not expected to ask questions.

"So it might be better in that case, but I don't think it's better from a learning standpoint."

Accountability, that students take on some of the responsibility of learning themselves, is also something that large class sizes forces them to do.

"I think it does put some accountability on the students and we want that accountability on them," Eggers said, "but we're also as teachers responsible to make sure we're preparing them for whatever they chose to do after high school."

"And anytime you have students that you're not preparing you look at all the issues why. And maybe class size is one of those."

Vickie Miller, Maryville superintendent

"A primary advantage to small class sizes though is that it allows teachers to build valuable relationships with their students. It's an advantage that Eggers said the high school strives to achieve."

"The closer to one on one instruction is ideal, so the smaller the classroom, the closer you are to that," Eggers said. "Students, when they receive that one on one instruction, there's a relationship that's built there that's better to academics both ways. Students get to know the teacher and teacher gets to know the students and that relationship is key to academic success."

Barnett repeated the sentiment. "Just getting to know the kids. The individual time that you can spend with them and the time to know their strengths and their weaknesses and their skill level," Barnett said. "The more children you have, the confines of our time limit and our day start restricting that and the more you know about your child's ability, the better you can teach them."

CITY BRIEFS

Annual Downtown Trick or Treat night

Local businesses along Main Street will hand out candy to young trick or treaters in celebration of Halloween from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 30.

A total of 47 business are participating in this year's event. Maryville Public Safety officers will hand out glow stick to all children.

HOTEL FIRE

Super 8 fire contained to room

By Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

A fire that occurred at the Super 8 Motel in Maryville on Oct. 20 was contained in the room where it sparked.

Maryville Fire Chief Phil Rickabaugh said the fire was minor and there were no injuries.

Super 8 General Manager Chuck Hetrick said the fire occurred around 8:30 p.m. and was caused by the combined light and fan fixture in room 207s.

Hetrick said the room was rented at the time and the clerk on duty attempted to put the fire out with the hotel's fire extinguisher before calling the fire department.

There was no damaged caused by the fire, but Hetrick said the ceiling in the bathroom was pulled out by firefighters while investigating.

The customer was moved to a new room and other customers were allowed in about 45 minutes after being evacuated Rickabaugh said.

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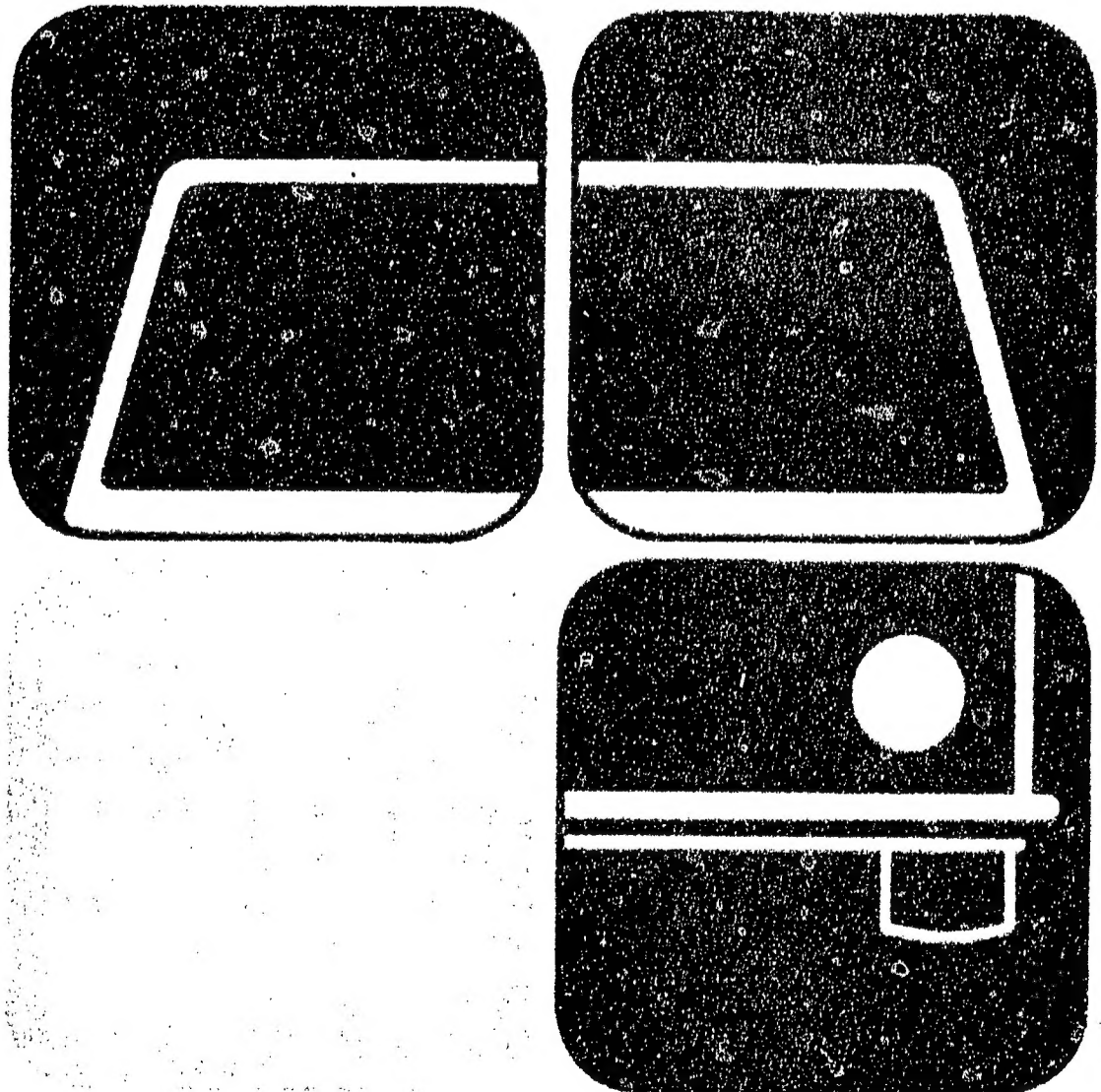
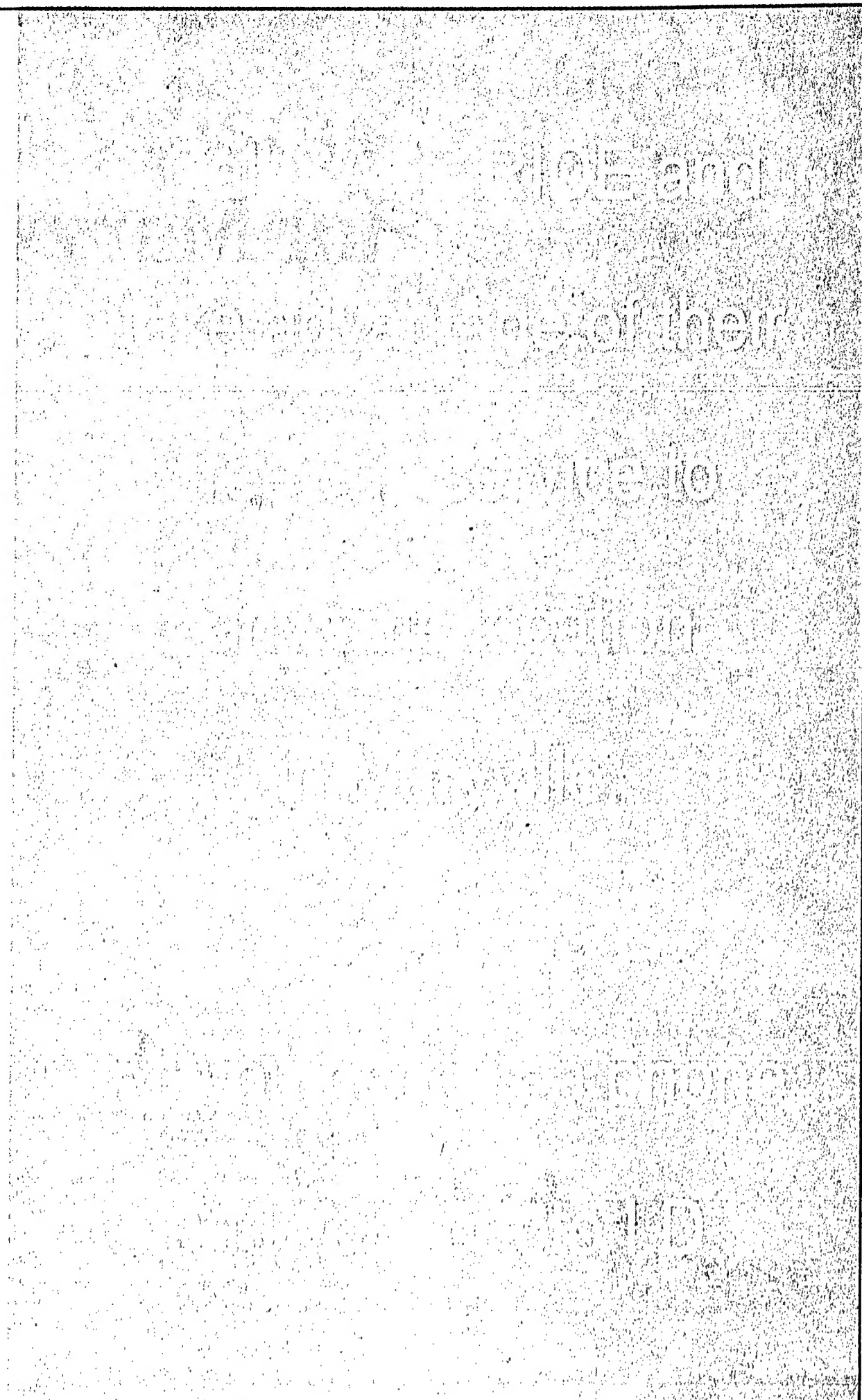
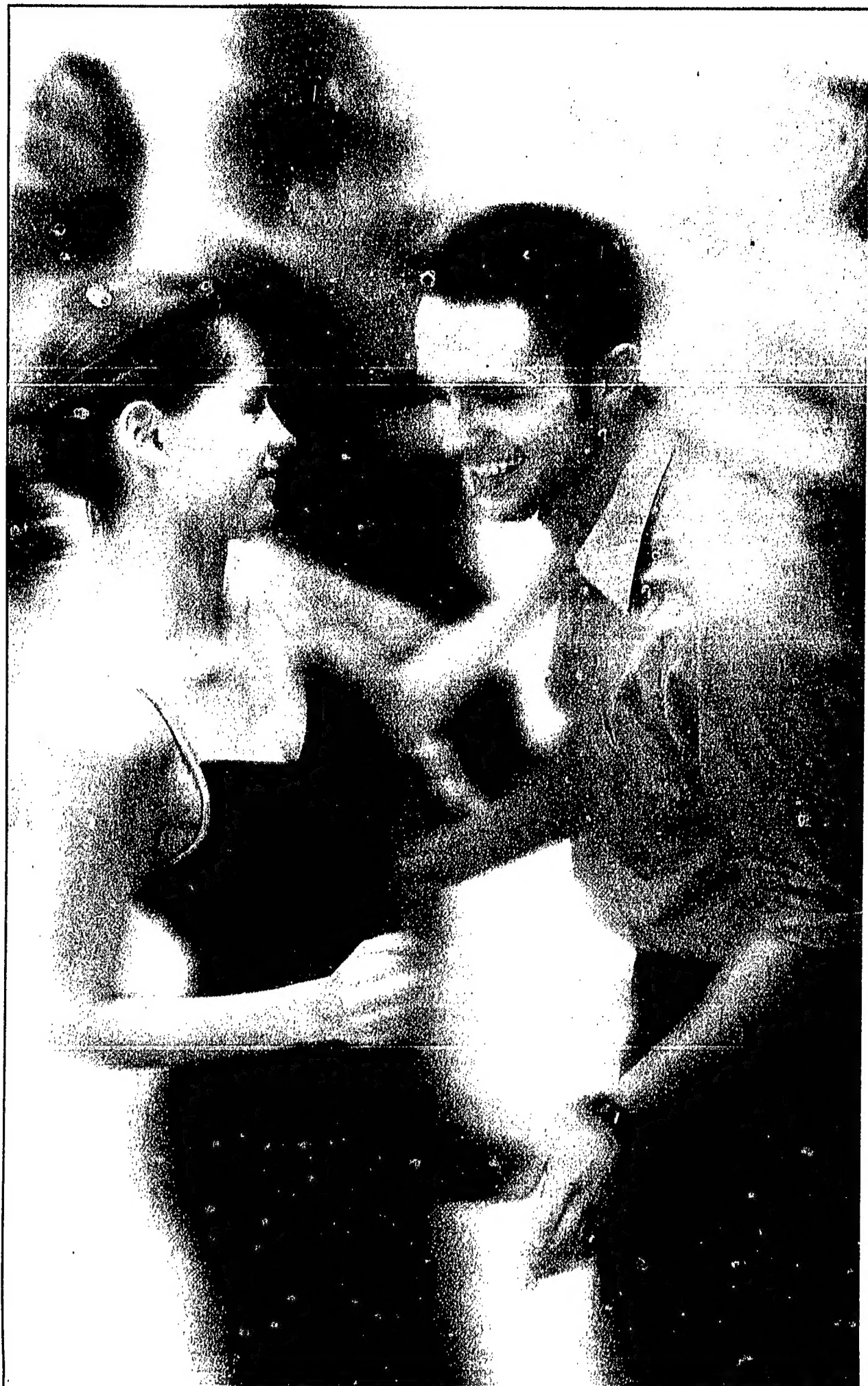
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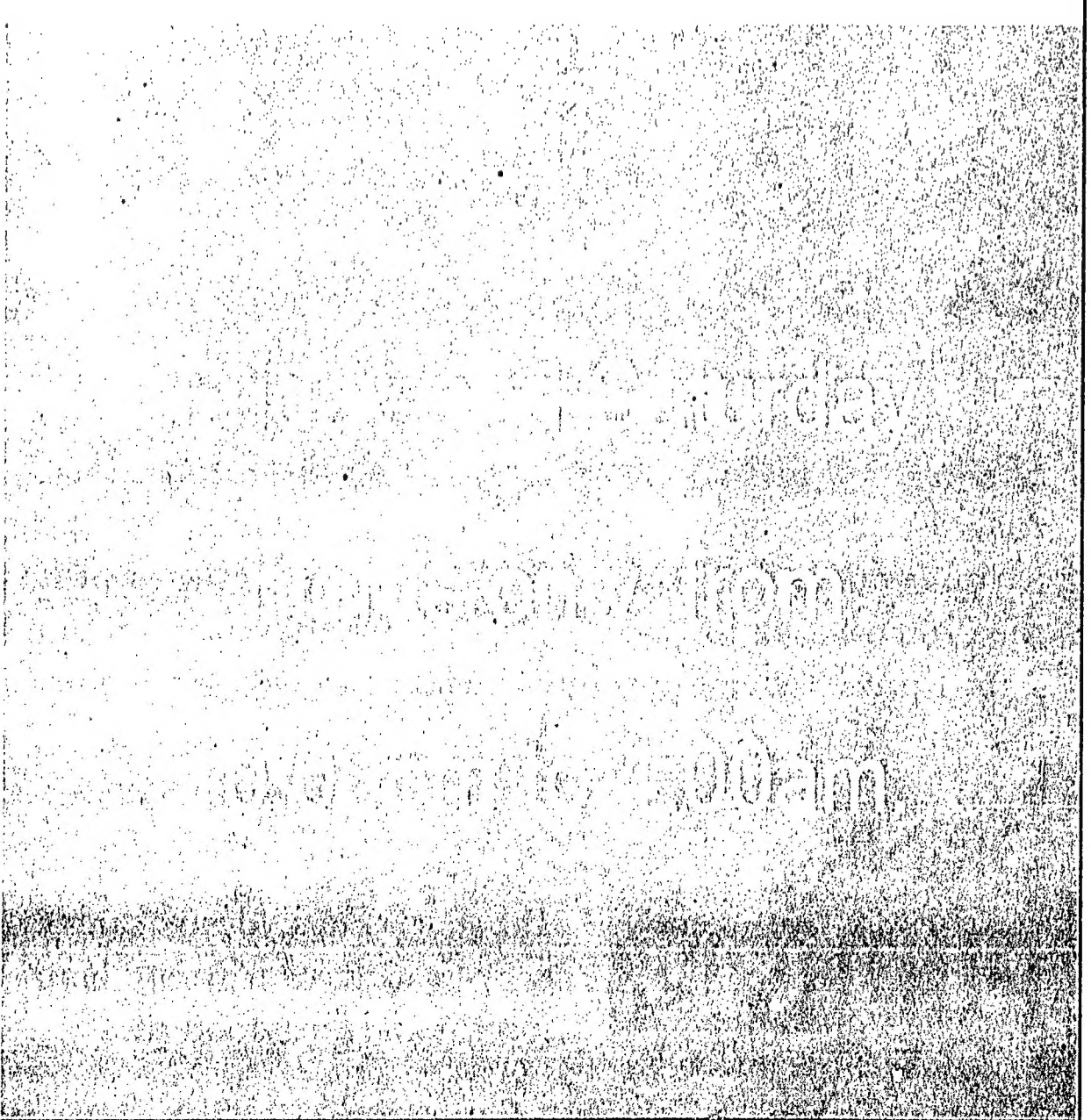
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SPORTS

A RISK REWARDED



CHRIS GREISEN and Mel Tjeerdsma stand arm-in-arm after Northwest's victory in the 1998 semifinal game. The 'Cats went on to victory against Carson Newman in the national championship game. Greisen has now followed in the footsteps of his former coach becoming a high school offensive coordinator.

Unlikely destination turns into standout career

By Marcus Maede
Asst. Sports Editor

Inside Northwest football coach Mel Tjeerdsma's office a photo sits among the countless treasures. It depicts a man in an Arizona Cardinal's uniform poised to throw a pass. The picture itself has no distinguishable quality — a man in an Arizona Cardinal's uniform poised to throw a pass. But the words written on the photo make it stand out from the objects surrounding it.

"Thanks for taking a chance on a kid from WI. with a bum knee," signed Chris Greisen. From a torn ACL to a Division II National Championship with the Bearcats in 1998, Greisen's Northwest career will reach immortality when he's inducted into the 'M' Club Hall of Fame on Friday. Greisen's career at Northwest began with an obscure graduate assistant named Eric Johnson, who saw him play at Sturgin Bay High School in Wisconsin. Johnson, a holdover from the previous coaching staff, had already gathered tape on Greisen and showed it to Tjeerdsma.

"He was a very good player on tape," Tjeerdsma said. "Coming out of a winning program he was without a doubt their leader." It wasn't Greisen's leadership or ability that would ultimately steer him to Northwest. It was his knee. "I had been recruited to some Division I schools, and when I blew out my knee, they dropped me," Greisen said. After the injury, Greisen was left with very few offers, and they weren't much. The injury didn't hinder Northwest's desire for Greisen, though.

"He had surgery on his ACL that spring," Tjeerdsma said. "That hurt him in the recruiting process because he wasn't going to be ready to go in the fall, but that didn't bother us because we were going to redshirt a quarterback anyway." The decision wasn't a tough one, Greisen said. It became final when he made a visit to campus and discovered it was much warmer than Northern Michigan, a Division II school interested in him.

The weather, and coaching staff made Greisen decide to attend Northwest in the first year of the Mel Tjeerdsma era. Along with Tjeerdsma, Greisen began to develop a close relationship with then offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Jim Svoboda. "We had a close relationship," Svoboda said. "We were friends and worked together to develop the Northwest offense." Greisen's first two years in Svoboda's offense were slow as he recovered from knee surgery. Once recovered, he sat behind quarterback Greg Teale.

"He redshirted his first year, and he didn't start until he was a junior," Tjeerdsma said. "That was really tough on him because he's so competitive." But Greisen's primary concern wasn't his lack of playing time. He was bothered by a number of players that he considered "bad apples" that weren't committed to winning. All the different problems made Greisen consider making a change. "Chris really considered transferring," Tjeerdsma said. "He came in and talked to me and said 'you know, if I'm going to be a backup, I could just as well be a backup at Wisconsin'."

Greisen said that he actually had contacted Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz about transferring to be closer to his wife, Shannon, who attended Notre Dame. "That was where my long-time girlfriend was, and I knew in my heart I could play Division I," Greisen said.

BY THE NUMBERS

1 The number of losses Greisen had in his two years as a starter. The loss came in 1997 playoff loss to Northern Colorado, 35-19.

68

The number of touchdowns passes Greisen threw in a Bearcat uniform. Greisen's mark remains a school record.

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National championship. Greisen led the Bearcats to a 15-0 mark in his senior year after the team was 9-11 in 1994. They defeated Carson Newman 24-6.

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NW FOOTBALL

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SYDNEY BRISBANE had four catches for 29 yards last Saturday against Fort Hays State. Brisbane went in after Kendall Wright pulled his groin in the first quarter. Wright is questionable for Saturday's game against Washburn.

Northwest facing surging Washburn

'Cats can clinch at least a share of MIAA championship with win Saturday

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said his team didn't play with a lot of enthusiasm during last Saturday's 17-10 win against Fort Hays State. A lack of enthusiasm shouldn't be a problem as No. 7 Northwest plays Washburn on homecoming Saturday. A win by Northwest clinches at least a share of the MIAA championship and further solidifies Northwest in the playoffs.

"What a huge game," Tjeerdsma said. "Everything is on the line." Northwest (6-1, 6-0 MIAA) and Washburn (6-2, 5-1 MIAA) would be in the playoffs if the season ended today, as both schools remained No. 2 and No. 6 in the latest Southwest regional poll, released Monday. The top-six in the final poll of the regular

Injury Report:

(as of Oct. 23)
Josh Mathews (arm laceration) questionable
Kendall Wright (groin) questionable
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Marcus Martin (shoulder) probable

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'M' CLUB

Greisen headlines list of 'M' Club inductees

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Northwest will honor five former athletes and one team in its annual 'M' Club Hall of Fame Induction ceremony Friday night in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Among the individuals is former Northwest quarterback

Chris Greisen. Greisen played at Northwest from 1997-98. He led Northwest to a 15-0 record in 1998, culminating in the school's first national championship. He was a consensus first-team All-American in 1998 and graduated, holding nine passing records. Below are the rest of the inductees:

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MHS FOOTBALL



RUNNING BACK Kevin Mattson rushed for 139 yards on 21 carries in Maryville's 28-20 loss to Lawson, Friday. The Spoofhounds will now need Lawson to lose in order to have a chance to advance to the playoffs.

'Hounds hoping for a miracle

After conference title, Maryville's playoff fate in LeBlond's hands

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

After a demoralizing loss in Lawson, the Maryville football team's season is hanging by a thread. The Spoofhounds, whose season seemingly had no ceiling a week ago, could be a game away from getting officially eliminated from postseason play. With a loss to Plattsburg or a Lawson victory over Bishop LeBlond, Maryville, despite winning the MEC and sitting at 7-1, will be left out of the state playoffs for the third straight year. But there is a chance and with that, the LeBlond Eagles have inherited a community's worth of fans.

Coach Chris Holt joins his players in rooting for the Eagles, but expressed disappointment that one loss could diminish a season's worth of hard work. "I think it's pretty unfortunate because this team had an opportunity to do a lot of damage in the playoffs," Holt said. "If LeBlond does not come through for us, we'll be sitting at home this year and that's kind of hard to swallow because you know you probably could've got another shot at a team like Lawson and maybe could've come out with a W." This exact scenario is nothing new to Holt as his 2005 Princeton team finished 9-1 and out of the playoffs, while last year's 'Hounds watched Lawson advance to state.

Next season, however, Missouri is amending the current format by allowing a second team from each district to advance to the playoffs, which will eliminate some unfortunate situations like the one Maryville is in. While a positive step, it does nothing for this year's seniors who would probably be steamrolling toward the playoffs in any other district. "It's hard to say, but obviously when you have three teams ranked in the Top 10 in the state in one district and only one team gets to go, there's something wrong with the system," senior cornerback Charlie Lowe said.

See MIRACLE on B6

NW SOCCER

Soccer looking to finish strong

By Christopher Woodland
Missourian Reporter

Fueled by pride and emotion, the senior leaders of the Bearcat soccer team look to end their careers at Northwest with revenge for one conference foe, and a sweep of an arch-rival.

All four seniors went quiet for a few seconds when coach Tracy Hoza handed out framed pictures of the group of seniors following Saturday's game.

"It has been awesome and worth every second," senior Brittany Cash said referring to her time as a Bearcat.

The Bearcats, 5-10-1 and 4-7-1 in the MIAA, have two games left on their schedule after being eliminated from the MIAA conference tournament following a 1-0 loss at home Saturday to Southwest Baptist on Senior Day at Bearcat Pitch.

Hoza knew coming into the weekend they needed a strong defensive effort. The "Cats" shot out Missouri Southern Friday, and out shot Baptist but let one slip by in the 23rd minute.

"It was a tremendous defensive effort," Hoza said. "They really played hard and defended every part of the field."

The strong defensive effort came despite two of the seniors playing with injuries. Defender Krista Obley, played with a pulled hamstring, while Cash played with a pulled groin.

Cash also played Saturday with eleven stitches in her head after colliding with a Missouri Southern girl. She finished the game Friday and took the trip to the hospital after the game.

This type of dedication from the seniors has left an impression on the younger players. "They have not only been great soc-

cer players, they have also been great friends," said freshman Amanda Olah who will be among the up-and-comers looking upon to continue building the foundation set by these seniors.

The "Cats" won the Southern game Friday 1-0. Krista Pollman scored the game's only goal following a Shannon Fitzgerald corner kick.

For now, the seniors have two road trips left. They travel to Central Missouri Friday, who they fell 2-1 in a double overtime battle on Sept. 29, and Missouri Western Saturday who they beat 3-1 on Sept. 28. Both games start at 7 p.m.

"We have two games left and we really want to disrupt the conference and play for pride," Cash said.



BRITTANY CASH (LEFT) and three other Bearcats will play their final matches at Northwest on the road this weekend.

NW VOLLEYBALL

Road schedule nearing finish

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

While most Northwest students celebrate homecoming by recovering from hangovers, Saturday, the volleyball team will attempt to sweep a double-header at Warrensburg.

The Bearcats, a week removed from a disappointing loss to No. 6 Truman, will take on No. 8 Central Missouri and unranked St. Mary's (Texas) this weekend.

The "Cats" have already faced the Jennies once on Sept. 22, losing 3-0.

"We have improved tremendously since the last time we faced them," Northwest coach Anna Tool said. "I watch film of our last match with them, and I don't even recognize anyone."

Most of Northwest's improvement has come on the defense, Tool said, where the Bearcats are averaging seven-point-five blocks per match over their last five matches compared to the four blocks they posted against Central Missouri last time.

Ball control has also been improving for the "Cats." Though their overall play was disappointing at

Truman, their ball control improved, outside hitter Alicia Johnson said.

"When we have ball control," Tool said, "we have players who can run a fast tempo offense and the block can't stay with them."

Johnson led the team in kills along with middle hitter Sara Falcone with nine. Johnson also notched 10 digs, second only to libero Paige Spangenberg who had 13.

"Our ball control was great, probably the best it's been all year," Tool said. "Our hitting was as bad as it's been all year."

Hitting errors were the "Cats' downfall against Truman. In games two and three, they registered more hitting errors than kills giving them negative hitting percentages for both games.

The loss to Truman brought Northwest to 16-14 in the season and 5-6 in the MIAA. Though they have a losing conference record, it is good enough to clinch them a spot in the MIAA tournament, which begins Nov. 6.

The match with Central Missouri will begin at noon, Saturday, in Warrensburg. The St. Mary's match will follow at 2:30 p.m.

NW CROSS COUNTRY

Disappointment reigns at MIAA meet

By Jarod Clarke
Missourian Reporter

Both Northwest cross country coaches summed up their teams' performance at the MIAA Conference Championships in Kirksville over the weekend in one word.

"Disappointing." The men's team placed eighth out of eight teams with a team score of 177 and the women placed seventh out of eight with a team score of 148.

There was, however, a bright spot in the Championships, despite the disappointing team placing. Anna O'Brien placed fourth overall in a field of 66 runners for the women's team and earned All-MIAA honors with a time of 23:27.46.

The fourth place finish was O'Brien's best time and was three seconds better than her previous career high set at the Roy Griak Invitational in late September.

"That race was a breakthrough race for her," women's coach Scott Lorek said. "I think getting our feet wet with the kind of competition at conference and the pressure and intensity of a race will help us improve."

With a little more than a week to prepare for regionals, both teams have to improve. "We need to heal some injuries and focus on improvement," the NCAA South Central regional begins at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 3 in Joplin, Mo.

spent the week just trying to be relaxed while 1 ran in practice," O'Brien said. "Last year I made the mistake of putting too much pressure on myself and being too intense."

"There is such a thing of being too intense when you run because it just wears you out."

The men's team has been plagued with injuries to some of their top runners, and it really hurt their team score at conference.

"We trained too hard and we have too much talent to let some injuries and adversities get in the way," Alsop said. Depth hurt the women's team, as two of their 10 scheduled runners were out with sickness and injury. They believe they can bounce back and compete at a higher level at regionals.

"Historically we have done better at regionals than conference," O'Brien said. "I think getting our feet wet with the kind of competition at conference and the pressure and intensity of a race will help us improve."

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BEARCATS

SCORE BY QUARTER

(6-1) 7 10 0 0 — 17
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TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Fort Hays
402	Total yards 241
67	Total plays 68
4-41	Punts-average 7-35.1
10-85	Penalties-yards 8-57
1-1	Fumbles-lost 0-0
202	Passing yards 142
6-45	Sacked-yards lost 0-0
32-21-2	Comp.-Att.-Int. 28-14-0
188	Rushing yards 114
35	Total rushes 40
57	Average Gain 2.5
10	First Downs 15
10	Rushing 7
5-12	Passing 7
0-0	Third Downs 4-17
	Fourth Downs 2-3

PLAYER STATISTICS

A black and white photograph of five football players in action on a field. They are wearing helmets and jerseys, and are in various stances, possibly during a play or a huddle. The image is grainy and has a high-contrast, almost stencil-like appearance.

NORTHWEST LINEBACKER DUSTIN CONARD eyes a Fort Hays State running back during last Saturday's contest. The Bearcats escaped with a 17-10 victory, as they prepare for Washburn Saturday on Homecoming.

Although not a familiar scene in soccer, goals have become second nature for Maryville junior Jon Rogers. Rogers' goal scoring prowess is so common, no one has seen something like this ever by a Spoofhound soccer player.

"It's a huge rush," Rogers said about scoring goals. "It gives you the feeling that you accomplished something."

Rogers commented himself in the Maryville record books Tuesday against Cameron. The 'Hounds handed the Dragons a 7-2 loss, helped by Rogers' four goals.

Those four goals gave the junior forward a single season school record of 30 goals.

"It feels good to have that many goals," Rogers said. "But there is no way I could score without the help of my (midfielders). They have been feeding me really well all season."

Entering the contest, Rogers was tied with former Maryville soccer standout Lucas Larson with 26 goals. "Hounds" coach Stuart Collins said the players have similar styles.

"It's funny, they have the ability to take the ball from any position and put it in any position," Collins said. "They're equally capable of doing that."

On a team laden with seniors, Rogers has exceeded his preseason expectations. Starting out at midfield, Rogers moved to forward where he could become more of a threat scoring.

Little did anyone know, that move propelled the versatile, blond haired junior to one of the most prolific offensive outbursts ever.

"I really expected him to be the last part of the puzzle for this senior team," Collins said. "I wasn't expecting anything like this. It has definitely been a pleasant surprise."

"I expected him to be more of an assist person, rather than finishing like he has done."

But assists are not lacking in Rogers' repertoire. Dishing out 12 assists, Rogers trails teammate Klay Talmadge by one. Talmadge leads the team in assists, and follows formidably behind Rogers in goals with 18.

* Visit us online at NWmissourianews.com for a story on last week's game

SPOOFHOUNDS

MHS SOCCER FEATURE

Rogers records record-breaking 2007 season



MARYVILLE'S JON ROGERS broke the school's single-season record in goals Tuesday. Rogers' four goals gave him 30 on the season.

photo by Scott Levine sports editor

Talmadge, Rogers and the strong senior core have led to a record-breaking season for the soccer team. The 'Hounds have a 17-7 record, good enough for the school's best mark.

That mark may not have been possible if not for the teammates influence on Rogers. An aspiring athlete from an early age, Rogers began soccer during elementary school.

However, without a soccer program in middle school, Rogers focused on football and traveled to St. Joseph to play on a traveling team.

"He's an all-around athletic kid," Jon's mother Lisa Rogers said. "He played soccer every year, but he also enjoyed playing football, too."

When Rogers set his sights on high school, a decision had to be made between soccer and football, as both are played during the fall.

"Jon pretty much has a mind of his own," Lisa said. "If everyone is doing the same thing, he's going to do something different. I think he knew he was good at soccer, and he knew he would get more playing time."

"He knew the chances of him playing a lot in football were slim to none, so he went with what he was best at."

Instead of flying down the football field with pads on, Rogers opted for streaking down the sidelines with shin guards, giving him the opportunity for immediate playing time. Also, Rogers said his teammates influenced his decision.

"We hang out as a team and have a really good relationship," Rogers said. "We worked hard together in the summer and have put together a special season."

With the graduation of 11 seniors, the record-setting Rogers will shoulder a different role on next year's squad as they aspire for similar record-setting results.

"We've definitely stepped it up from last year, and we'll have to encourage the freshmen next year," Rogers said. "Hopefully we will hang out as much as we have this past year and I can lead as much as the seniors have done this year."

MHS VOLLEYBALL



SENIOR JAYME Mattson attempts a kill in her final high school contest. Maryville lost to Cameron in the district semifinals in three games and finished the season 16-13-1.

MHS CROSS COUNTRY

Districts lie ahead for runners as they prepare for Saturday

By Erica Shanks
Missourian Reporter

Maryville High School cross country coach Phil Stone takes a different approach on mentally preparing his runners for districts Saturday.

"I just tell them to think crazy and do something they don't think they can do," Stone said.

Physically, the team has been preparing by working on their speed and running five-mile Indian runs around town. In districts on Saturday, the runners will compete on a 3.1-mile course.

The three runners that placed in the top 15 last year in districts were sophomores Josh Elliott and Shelby Jones, and junior Alex Thomson.

Elliott placed fifth out of 15 in district competition and 92nd out of 180 in state. To prepare for districts this year, Elliott said he needs to run hard but relax to prepare himself.

Districts are held Saturday in Richmond. Maryville will be competing against eight other class 2 schools.

SCORE BY QUARTER

(7-1) 6 0 0 14 — 20
(8-0) 0 7 14 7 — 28

TEAM STATISTICS

Spoofhounds	First downs	Cardinals
22	First downs	14
279	Rushing-yards	176
86	Passing-yards	100
2-10	Penalties	4-40
0	Turnovers	0

PLAYER STATISTICS

A black and white photograph capturing a moment of intense fan support at a football game. The crowd is dense, with many individuals holding up yardage markers to cheer for their team. In the center, a person holds a large '100' yard marker. To the left, another person holds a '10' yard marker. On the right, a person holds a '100' yard marker. The crowd is diverse in age and appearance, all united in their enthusiasm. The background is slightly out of focus, emphasizing the fans in the foreground.

THE MARYVILLE fans chant for a defensive stop during last Friday's game against Lawson. The undefeated teams battled in front of a sold-out stadium, as Lawson came away with a 28-20 win.

Rushing: Mattson 21-139 yards, TD; Oglesby 11-67; Walter 6-26; Farmer 6-24, TD; Davis 1-16; Swinford 3-7

Passing: Farmer 3-57 yards; Mattson 3-13, Oglesby 2-16, TD

Receiving: Farmer 3-57 yards; Mattson 3-13, Oglesby 2-16, TD

MHS SOCCER

Focus shifts to conference crown, district opener



MARYVILLE'S KLAY TALMADGE battles a Cameron defender during Tuesday's 7-2 Spoofhound victory. The victory came on senior night, where 11 senior players were honored.

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

The stage is set today for the Maryville soccer team to add another accolade to a record-breaking season.

If the Spoofhounds win today against Savannah, then they tie for the conference crown. Maryville coach Stuart Collins said he's ready for the season finale.

"This is the one that is important now," Collins said. "We're excited for the opportunity."

Maryville is 5-1 in the MEC, and with a win today, would add to their record-breaking single season victories of 17. However, despite today's results, the 'Hounds travel to Cameron Saturday to square off against Bishop LeBlond during the district's opening round.

LeBlond defeated Maryville during the season's only meeting, 2-0. At the time, LeBlond was ranked No. 9 in Class 1. Now they're unranked, clinging to one receiving vote in the poll.

The 'Hounds notched the season's 17th win with a 7-2 decision over Cameron Tuesday. Jon Rogers broke the school's single-season record for goals with four during the game, giving him 30 for the season.

Tied at one goal apiece, the 'Hounds rattled off five unanswered goals. Rogers tallied goals during the 17th, 23rd and 40th minutes, while Klay Talmadge added another first half goal giving Maryville a 4-1 halftime advantage.

"We moved the ball much better and had a quicker tempo," Collins said. "We started taking control of the ball and reacted better."

Collins said the slow start was facilitated by senior activities scheduled before the game. Eleven seniors were honored before the game as the team played its first game of the year at the 'Hound Round.

"With that senior night stuff, we found it hard to focus," Talmadge said. "But we went out and played good after the stuff was over."

Maryville faces Savannah at 4 p.m., today in Savannah. The district match starts at 3 p.m., Saturday in Cameron.

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NWMSU and MHS Athletes of the Week

Dohrman Johnson Rogers Mattson

NWMSU

Caleb Dohrman — the senior defensive end from Sweet Springs, Mo., had two sacks and five tackles Saturday against Fort Hays State.

Alicia Johnson — the sophomore outside hitter from Tripoli, Iowa, had nine kills Saturday against Truman State.

The junior forward scored four goals against Cameron, Tuesday to give him a new school record of 30 goals this season.

The senior had eight kills and six blocks in Tuesday's district semifinal loss to Cameron. She also tallied five kills in the regular season finale.

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Chiefs leave editor in world of wonder

Fans certainly needed a double take after Kansas City's 12-10 win over the Raiders Sunday.

The Kansas City Chiefs are 4-3 as the bye week begins. How is this possible?

The catalyst has been the defense. Donnie Edwards, which initially was a questionable signing given his age, has done wonders. Edwards has 53 tackles to lead Chiefs' line-backers. Jared Allen anchors the defensive line with eight sacks and is on pace to tie Michael Strahan's single season record of 22 1/2 sacks.

The future is promising for the defense. While Edwards may not be around for a long time, Jarrod Page and Derrick Johnson are up and coming



Brett Berger
Times Staff Editor

stars. The balance between the offense and defense will come together unlike 2003, when the Chiefs had the best offense in the league and a defense close to the bottom.

The 4-3 start can be considered a bad start in some circles, but things could've been worse, considering what this team looked like in the preseason. The team had two offensive touchdowns in the preseason, going 0-4 in the preseason and starting 0-2 in the regular season.

The team has rebounded, winning four out of five. The Chiefs are scoring 14.6 points per game and allowing 16.1 points. This feat is remarkable, given the stories early in the season. At first, it was

the saga between Trent Green and Chiefs as he was finally traded to a team worse off than the Chiefs. Next, it was the inept offense with Larry Johnson running the ball behind a poor offensive line. Finally, there were questions about how effective Damon Huard could be at quarterback. The offense had its moments, but don't expect Al Saunders to come back and make this offense elite again.

Championships are won with defense and running the ball. Once the offensive line has more time together and the defense continues to improve, we can talk about playoffs. That time is still far away. By then, the Chiefs will realize that signing a veteran quarterback would be better than developing a quarterback like the failed experiment with Brodie Croyle has become.

Coach Herm Edwards may talk like

he just got his coaching philosophies from an "Idiot's Guide" to coaching football, but he has a plan. He's changing the philosophy of the Chiefs. Defense and running the ball isn't the sexiest way to play football, but he's developing what he knows he has.

Enjoy the ride and first place in the AFC West while it still lasts. Two of the next three games are against Green Bay and Indianapolis. The Chiefs also have San Diego again and Denver twice. This team isn't going to make a playoff push or a run for the highest draft pick like some fans wished for at the beginning of the season.

It's not time to abandon on the Chiefs. There's plenty to look forward to. It could be worse. You could be a St. Louis Ram fan as the Rams are still looking for their first win of the season.

POWER RANKINGS

MIAA

Team	Record	Notes
1. Northwest	6-1	Cannot have Fort Hays performance against 'Bods
2. Washburn	6-2	Catching Northwest at its most vulnerable point
3. Missouri Western	6-2	Home rest two weeks against Southern and Central
4. Pittsburg State	6-2	Hosts a Fort Hays State team that nearly beat Gorillas
5. Central Missouri	6-2	At Baptist for tune-up before crucial Western game
6. Missouri Southern	5-3	Win at Western puts Southern back into playoff mix
7. Fort Hays State	3-5	Nearly shocked the world in loss to Northwest
8. Truman State	4-4	Truman threw the ball well in embarrassing loss
9. Emporia State	3-5	Pass defense manhandled by freshman Newhart
10. Southwest Baptist	0-8	A 19-point loss to Gorillas has its bright sides

Results Last Week	Score
1. Northwest beat Fort Hays	17-10
2. Washburn beat Truman State	71-35
3. Missouri Western beat ESU	52-21
4. Pittsburg State beat Baptist	42-23
5. Central Missouri beat Southern	24-23
6. Missouri Southern lost to Central	23-24
7. Hays lost to Northwest	10-17
8. Truman lost to Washburn	35-71
9. Emporia State lost to Western	21-52
10. Baptist lost to Pittsburg	23-42

MEC

Team	Record	Notes
1. Maryville	7-1	Heartbreaking loss will likely end fantastic season early
2. Platte County	7-1	Despite losing MEC title, will likely advance to state
3. Smithville	5-3	Who would've thought Smithville would be here?
4. Chillicothe	4-4	Hurt MEC's reputation by getting smoked at Odessa
5. Cameron	2-6	Should report to underachievers anonymous at once
6. Lafayette	2-5	Pasted at Class 4 Kearney as expected
7. Benton	1-6	Kearney will destroy them; battle for St. Joe is all that's left
8. Savannah	1-7	Scored a touchdown for the second straight week

Results last week	Score
1. Maryville lost to Lawson	20-28
2. Platte County beat Savannah	34-6
3. Smithville beat Cameron	14-7
4. Chillicothe lost to Odessa	13-39
5. Cameron lost to Smithville	7-14
6. Lafayette lost to Kearney	14-27
7. Benton lost to Excelsior Springs	14-28
8. Savannah lost to Platte County	6-34

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Scott's picks
Prediction Record (15-9)
NCAA Lock
Georgia vs. Florida — Florida
The World's Largest Cocktail party becomes a romp as the Gators roll.

NCAA Upset Alert
California at Arizona State — California
Generally I hate picking road underdogs, but ASU is going to get a rude awakening during its season's first test.

NFL Lock
Oakland at Tennessee — Tennessee
The Raiders lost at home to the Chiefs. This is the definition of a lock.

NFL Upset Alert
Philadelphia at Minnesota — Minnesota
Two words — Adrian Peterson.

Brett's picks
Prediction Record (10-14)
NCAA Lock
Boston College at Virginia Tech — B.C.
Boston College out-matches the Hokies in every major statistical category as B.C. wins big.

NCAA Upset Alert
Kansas at Texas A&M — Texas A&M
Kansas barely beat a horrible Colorado team and the Aggies bring the Jayhawks back to reality and Mark Mangino to over-eaters anonymous.

NFL Lock
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati — Pittsburgh
I'm through believing the Bengals are going to turn things around. Pittsburgh gets the W after a letdown against the struggling Broncos.

NFL Upset Alert
Buffalo at New York Jets — Buffalo
Anybody tired of hearing about Man-genius? Well I am, so the Bills' will stop the Jets cold Sunday.

Sam's picks
Prediction Record (9-15)
NCAA Lock
Indiana at Wisconsin — Wisconsin
After losing at home to Joe Pa's bunch, the Hoosiers will not win at Camp Randall. Probably will since I haven't won an NCAA lock in three weeks.

NCAA Upset Alert
Clemson at Maryland — Maryland
The Terps came through for me earlier this year and I need them again. Clemson's purple and orange combo is an abomination and needs to be properly disciplined.

NFL Lock
Indianapolis at Carolina — Indianapolis
Indy went into Jacksonville and won, enough said. Yes, this has ledown game written in 72 font on it with the Pats up next. That'd better not happen or I'll fall further into picks oblivion.

NFL Upset Alert
San Francisco 49ers at Oakland — SF
I have about 10 percent confidence that this will happen but the only other one is Packers over Broncos and my conscience won't allow me to do that.

Marc's picks
Prediction Record (13-11)
NCAA Lock
South Florida at Connecticut — So. Fla.
South Florida was overrated, but I don't think UConn holds a candle to them.

NCAA Upset Alert
West Virginia at Rutgers — Rutgers
I like Rutgers. I'm pretty sure that West Virginia's going to win, but I believe in the Scarlet Knights.

NFL Lock
NY Giants vs. Miami (London) — NY
You could make a living picking against Miami.

NFL Upset Alert
Jacksonville at Tampa Bay — Jacksonville
I don't care who's playing quarterback for Jacksonville.

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WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks

Friday
■ Cornell at Princeton, 2:15 p.m. ESPN — Really if you're pathetic enough to watch this game, then you have no social life. There's nothing on TV today, other than the World Series. So go out and enjoy Walkout Day, and prepare for Homecoming.

Days rating (1 of 5)

Saturday

■ Kansas at Texas A & M, 6 p.m. ESPN2 — Are the Jayhawks for real. I highly doubt it. But this game will be fun to watch if they really are for real.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Sunday

■ Detroit at Chicago, noon FOX — The Bears could get back into the NFC North race with a win here.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Marc's TV Picks

Friday
■ Boise State at Fresno State, 8 p.m. ESPN 2 — I'll flip back and forth between this and the World Series. I like Boise State. Their win over Oklahoma made me a fan.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

■ West Virginia at Rutgers, 11 a.m. ABC — I love Big East games. Rutgers plays with as much heart as anyone, and I'm hoping they stomp West Virginia's national championship hopes.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

■ Philadelphia at Minnesota, noon FOX — I'm tuning in just to see my boy All Day Adrian Peterson.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sam's TV Picks

Friday
■ Saved by the Bell: The College Years, 7 a.m., TBS — Sober up with some wacky times from the college versions of the Bayside gang. Hijinks ensue when Thanksgiving plans go awry. Mr. Belding makes a return appearance...actually you'd enjoy this more if you continued drinking. Listening to Speech while sober will make you want to punch yourself in the face.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Saturday

■ Ohio State at Penn State, 7 p.m. ABC — Buckeyes are intimidated by Happy Valley. I'm feeling upset and further damage to the BCS standings.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

■ Green Bay at Denver, (Mon.) 7:30 p.m., ESPN — My Broncos are coming off a gargantuan win and another prime time game awaits. They win this one by a game-winning field goal and I'll be dead from sheer panic.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Brett's TV Picks

Friday
■ Colorado at Boston, (Thurs.) 7 p.m. FOX — The World Series is back as Curt Schilling shines in the postseason.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Saturday

■ Washburn at No. 9 Northwest, 1:30 p.m., themia.tv — Northwest and Washburn lock horns in a game that could have conference and playoff implications.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Sunday

■ Washington at New England, 3:15 p.m. FOX — The Patriots are looking more and more like a team that could run the table as they face a stingy Redskins defense.

Days rating (3 of 5)

AT YOUR LEISURE

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Today's Birthday (10-25-07):

Sadists are coming in the first part of this year. Produce results anyway. You'll get practice for winning.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 — It's getting a little bit easier to gather information. It's easier to tell the bears, too, so watch out. Loose lips sink ships.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 — I feel like working under pressure is one of your specialties. You'll pop through the difficult phase into the fun part soon.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 6 — Don't gossip, even if pressed. The odds are too high you'll be misunderstood. Or, even worse, what you say will go straight to the person you're talking about, who'll understand quite well.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6 — You don't always say what you really think in an argument. Spout up, even if it's difficult. Don't assume they know what you want. Make it obvious.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 — A far-reaching scheme needs a little more work. For example, if you're planning a trip, get the very latest maps. Also, have an alternative route already worked out.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 — Hidden costs are the name of this game. Finding them is your assignment. Some are buried pretty deeply, so digging is definitely required.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8 — Should you tell a person with very strong opinions when and how you disagree? Could be fun. It's up to you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — The price definitely goes to the one who's most efficient now. You'll get extra points and respect for making a tough job look easy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 — I've seen an strong. Make sure there's not something important you're overlooking. Don't ignore your friends this time. Consider their considerations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 — You feel pushed to take action, but it's hard to make up your mind. Let the others race in all directions. Maintain your cool and you'll win the race.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 — The more you go through the material, the more trouble you'll save yourself. A big project has a lot of room for mistakes. Avoid as many as possible with intensive planning.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7 — Don't agree to anything that's going to cost you. If the agency wants a fee, make sure it's affordable. You can earn more money without going into debt.

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Your Man fights the Great Squirrel Rebellion

I've noticed a frightening trend my friends. The pattering of little feet and swishing of bushy tails accompany this movement. The shells of nuts lay in their wake while signs of bloodthirsty savagery gleam in their eyes.

The squirrels...the squirrels are coming for us.

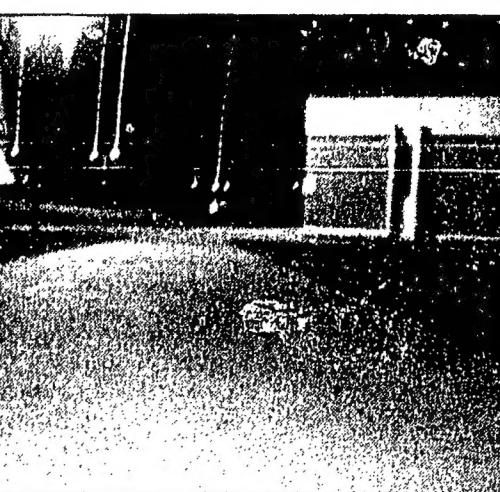
I know you've seen them too. You may just think they're cute little creatures with nothing on the brain but nuts in their mouths (haha, I said nuts in their mouths), but they're not. A rebellion is in the works. They're plotting against us.

I've seen them gather in groups, small squirrel terrorist cells, each independent from the other. The only things that bind them are a hatred of college students and a love of water skiing.

Their leader, Red Bush, is the figurehead and organizer of the Great Squirrel Rebellion. He's three feet long if he's an inch with huge buckteeth and the mind of Alexander the Great—minus all the homosexual tendencies. Red Bush's OK with it—it just isn't his cup-o-tea. He's not judging. He's more of a live and let live type of squirrel.

They're fast. They're well organized and they've already begun hoarding the world's acorn supply. Before you know it, you'll be singing the Squirrel National Anthem and pledging allegiance to a maple leaf. What kind of stupid country would do that?

Something must be done. We must fight



The Stroller

or die. This is a call to my underappreciated, often mistreated, redneck brethren. Grab your rifles, pick-ups and squirrel eating appetites. Put on your NASCAR cutoffs and NASCAR hats, and come get some dinner. The fate of the free world depends on your disgusting white-trashy nature.

For the rest of the civilians who will not take part in the suppressing the Great Squirrel Rebellion, take care and remember.

Remember that a few brave, possibly inbred men gave their lives so that you could live in a society run by men, not squirrels, or women.

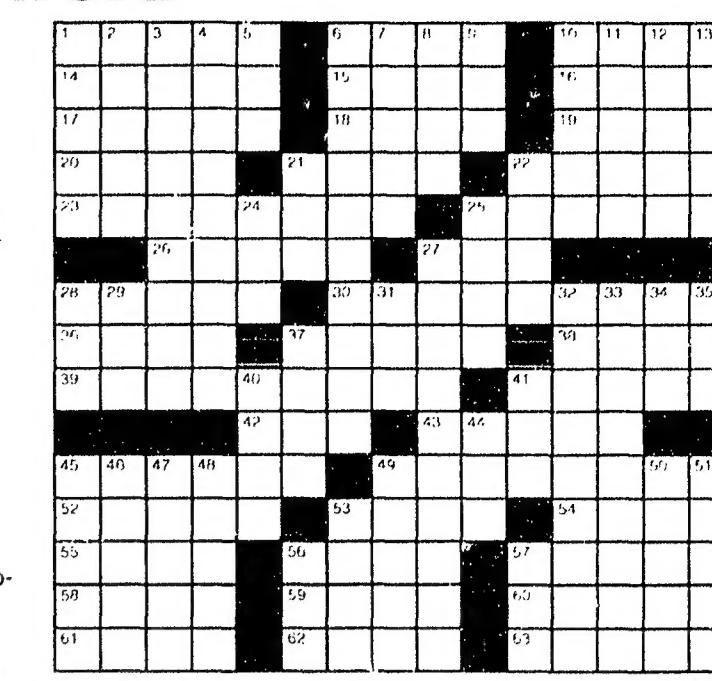
Good luck my brave hillbilly brothers, and good speed.

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Crossword

ACROSS

- Old saying
- Org. of Webb and Ochon
- Previous
- Cowpoko, at times
- Iraq neighbor
- Commemorial act
- Protective layer
- Foundry form
- Zest
- Thaw
- Sound of a slip?
- Prophet
- King of the Visigoths
- Scottish port
- Disinfectant's targets
- Actor Minzo
- Clan
- "High Sierra" co-star
- Fencing sword
- Them, to us?
- How 'bout that!
- Naming errors
- Angry frown
- Clear tables
- Tom of "Big"
- "Full House" co-star John
- Connie of "Hotel"
- Paddle craft
- Drains
- Beach bird
- WWII powers
- Water
- Crenshaw, e.g.
- Why don't we?
- Move
- Action site
- Saving Private Ryan's event
- Drove (a nail) obliquely
- Double curves



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'M' CLUB: 5 individuals, 1 team honored

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Ron "Jesse" James — All-America wrestler in 1966-67. Led high school teams in Iowa and Oregon to state championships. Member of National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Kathy Kearns Behounek — Two-time All-American in cross country. Was the first runner to win an MIAA championship.

Russ Miller — Second-leading rebounder and seventh leading scorer in school history. Holds school record for blocks per game (1.8).

Scott Spurgeon — first Northwest baseball player to be named first-team All-American. Named MIAA MVP in 1987 and Hitter of the Year in 1988.

1980 Volleyball Team — Won a school-record 52 games in 1980.

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GREISEN: Bearcat returns for induction

Continued from B1

So, what kept him around? A number of things.

Tjeerdsma pulled the scholarships of some of the "bad apples," and Lou Holtz told him Notre Dame didn't accept transfers. But for the most part it was his teammates, coaches and the great relationships he formed that kept Greisen in a Bearcat's uniform.

When Greisen finally got his chance in 1997, he made the most of it, going 27-1 in his two years as a starter with 7,457 yards passing and 68 touchdowns—both school records.

But rather than take credit for his achievements, Greisen is quick to share it with his teammates.

"There were many times where I'd dump off a pass to Tony Miles on a bubble screen, and he'd go 80 yards," Greisen said. "That looks like an 80-yard touchdown pass, but I really didn't do anything."

Indeed, if you talk to those around him it isn't the stats or physical abilities that they talk about, but rather his



photo courtesy of Georgia Force

CHRIS GREISEN FOUND success in his the AFL, throwing for a league record 111 touchdowns in the 2007 regular season.

other qualities. Tjeerdsma and Svoboda agreed that who Greisen is as a person, is just as important as what he did as a player.

"Once we had him here, and met him and his family, it was obvious that he had some of those intrinsic qualities that you don't see on film," Tjeerdsma said.

Greisen took those qualities with him to the NFL, and now to the Arena Football League (AFL), where he plays for the Georgia Force. Last year, he led the league in touchdown passes, passer rating and completion percentage. He also set an all-time AFL regular season record with 111 touchdown passes.

With noted leadership ability and mentors like Tjeerdsma and Svoboda, perhaps coaching was bound to be Greisen's eventual destination. He is now an offensive coordinator and quarterback's coach for Green Bay Southwest High School.

Greisen, his wife, who is pregnant with their third child, and their two daughters will make the trip to Maryville this weekend. Some of his former teammates and friends will make the trip as well to congratulate their friend and former leader. And for Greisen, that's the most important thing — the people.

"My career at Northwest was perfect," Greisen said. "And the icing on the cake — just the great people I've met. I mean, I consider Maryville my second home."

SURGING: Mathews questionable Saturday

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season advance to the Division II playoffs.

The game has conference and playoff implications for both teams, but with Washburn holding the last spot in the region, a win against Northwest would go a long way. After playing Northwest, the Ichabods play Pittsburg State and finishes with Southwest Baptist. Northwest has Emporia State and Missouri Southern left in the season.

Northwest hasn't played like a playoff team the last two weeks. After getting penalized 12 times for 117 yards against Central Missouri, the Bearcats were flagged 10 times for 85 yards — five in the first quarter alone. In both games, penalties brought back touchdowns. Northwest is last in the MIAA in penalties with 70 for 628 yards.

Tjeerdsma says the penalties were better last Saturday, but it was the three turnovers that had him tight-lipped after the game.

"I was just disappointed. I was frustrated with the turnovers and lack of takeaways," Tjeerdsma said. "We haven't got a takeaway the last two games. That combination has got to change."

Whichever Northwest teams shows up Saturday, they'll be playing an Ichabod team that is on a roll. After starting the season 2-2, Washburn has rang off four straight wins that started with a 31-24 win over Missouri Western, No. 7 in the Southwest region, and ended last Saturday with a 71-35 win over Truman State.

Ra'Shawn Mosley leads a trio of running backs that average 192.2 yards per game. Mosley has 868 yards and nine touchdowns, while Brandon Walker has seven touchdowns. Washburn's rush defense is seventh out of 10 MIAA teams, allowing 172 yards per game, which was greatly inflated by Harlon Hill winner Danny Woodhead, who rushed for 290 yards in Washburn's season opening 34-24 loss to Chadron State.

After a torn labrum in quarterback Jordan Brill's throwing shoulder ended his season last year, Brill has nine touchdowns and 11 interceptions and is completing only 53 percent of his passes. However, in two games against Northwest in 2004 and 2005, Brill has thrown for 466 yards, three touchdowns and zero interceptions.

Center Matt Nelson is confident the team can turn things around.

"I think we can definitely play a complete game," Nelson said. "There's a lot of added pressure. You also feel better because you're home. I think it'll be better."

Linebacker Matt Robertson said the penalties and the turnovers have to stop as Northwest begins the final stretch of the season.

"We have the talent. We have everything we need," Robertson said. "We need to go out and execute. We'll get it figured out. I mean, we have to get it right, or we're not going to win games like this."

MIRACLE: Spoofhounds face must-win game to stay in hunt

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Though disappointed, the 'Hounds must move forward as they face a Tiger team that was ranked No. 10 before their 34-20 loss to the Eagles.

Last season, Maryville dominated Plattsburg as Andy Walter threw five touchdown passes in a 35-7 rout. If the 'Hounds hope to have any chance at the playoffs, they'll likely have to win by at least 13 points. Point spread is the first tiebreaker in the event of a three-way district tie and 13 points is the most the district tiebreaker system will allow to factor into it.

The Tigers, also in the KCI conference, were not ranked No. 10 for nothing as they have a potent offense stacked with speed.

Quarterback Taylor Davis has already thrown for 1368 yards and rushed for 373. Running back Erik May has 11 touchdowns and needs only 45 yards to eclipse

1,000 for the season.

Despite offensive statistics that surpass the 'Hounds in those categories, Holt doesn't feel Plattsburg's improved much from last season.

"They're pretty dangerous as far as athleticism but they lost some key defensive players off last year's team, good run-stoppers," he said. "I see them being a pretty similar ball club."

Adam Matteson and Tyler Oglesby, who rushed for 139 and 67 yards respectively, will once again be the focal point of the offensive attack.

"We should be able to control the line of scrimmage, which will allow us to run

the football," Holt said. "I think some of their problems are they're really young up front on the offensive line."

"... we're hoping, with our experience on the offensive and defensive lines, that we can wreak some havoc against them."

Chris Holt, head coach

He did however offer some advice for next week's opponent.

"(I'm) not interested at all until our game's over," he said. "When our game's

over, we'll check on the score. Anybody's got a chance any night. LeBlond's a big, physical ball club. They're going to line-up, double tight (end set) and just run at you."

"I think the biggest thing they have to do is just maintain drives and get points. If they come up empty-handed, I just see that they'll have problems stopping (Joseph) Kassanavoid and (David) Noblet both. That's a pretty tough task."

With 13 seniors playing their final games at the 'Hound Pound, pride will play a role as this class has been the core of the team's resurgence and has left its mark as leaders.

"The leadership turnaround that we had in one year has been tremendous," Holt said. "That's definitely what's made us a better football team this year. I'm hoping this year's juniors have seen the leadership this year's seniors have provided and will use that to build on for the future."

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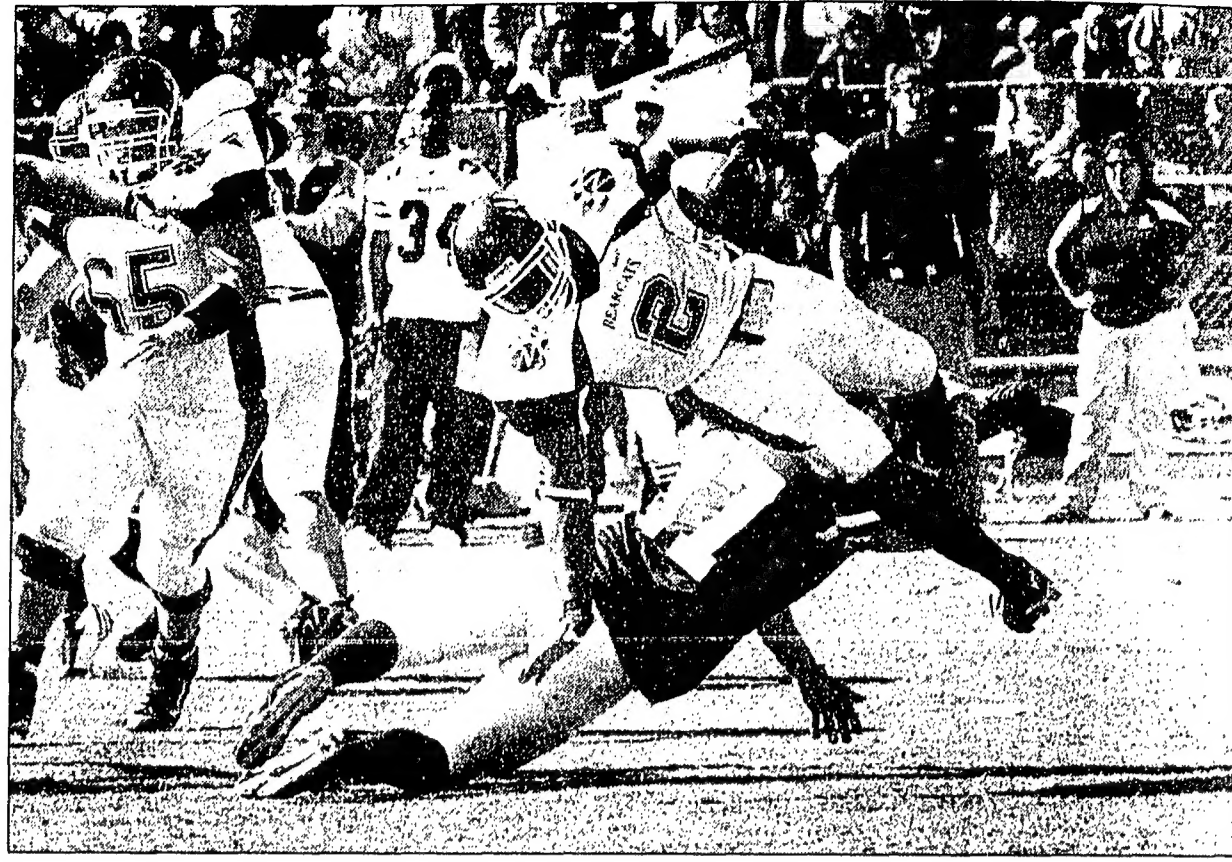


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NORTHWEST RUNNING BACK Xavier Omon is taken down by Washburn linebacker Bruce Ringwood. Omon rushed for 121 yards and one touchdown in last year's game.

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Northwest to face off against Washburn

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

This year's homecoming game between Northwest and Washburn is taking on an added importance.

Saturday, the two schools lock horns at 2 p.m. with conference and playoff implications. Northwest is 6-1 and 6-0 in the MIAA, while Washburn is 6-2 and 5-1 in the conference.

Northwest and Washburn are among the top six in the Southwest region. Northwest is No. 2, while Washburn is No. 6. The top-six teams at the end of the regular season advance to the Division II playoffs.

Washburn is coming off a 71-35 win against Truman State, while Northwest escaped Fort Hays State with a 17-10 win.

Northwest enters Saturday as the top-ranked offense in the MIAA and near the top of the league in defense. Washburn is in the middle of the pack in the conference, but has rattled off four straight wins after starting the season 2-2.

The defense will have its hands full with Ra'Shawn Mosley. Mosley has 868 yards and nine touchdowns, while Brandon Walker has seven touchdowns. As



NORTHWEST LINEBACKER BEN Harness wrestles down Washburn running back Trent Hearn in last year's game in Topeka.

Northwest vs. Washburn

1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27 at Bearcat Stadium
Bearcat Zone tailgating begins at 11 a.m. in College Park.

a group, Washburn averages 192.2 yards per game.

Northwest will be looking for its first win against Washburn at Bearcat Stadium since 2003.

In 2005, Northwest lost 31-28, only to beat Washburn 42-32 in the second round of the Division II playoffs.

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Variety show brings dance, song and acting together

By Katie Charczuk
Missourian Reporter

It's a triple threat. Singing, dancing and skits line the program for this year's homecoming variety show.

The variety show will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Audience members will enjoy six skits and six olio acts for two hours, Variety Show Co-Chair Lauren Merle said. Olio acts are the shorter performances that separate the larger skits, she said.

The homecoming king and queen crowning will kick off Homecoming weekend Thursday night, McAdams Prescott said.

This was the first year auditions were open to the whole school, Merle said.

Homecoming Co-Chair Krista Paul said a market management class last year did a survey of student reactions on homecoming. Many changes were made because of the results presented to the homecoming chairs, she said.

Students were upset the variety show was only open to Greek students, Paul said. Students also didn't want to pay \$7 for the quality of entertainment they were getting, she said.

The Homecoming Committee took these into account and made appropriate changes for this year. They opened auditions to the whole school, Paul said. The number of performances were cut from three nights to two. Ticket prices were cut from \$7 to \$5 "to get people to come back," she said.

All of these changes were made to "improve the shows turn out for each night," Variety Co-Chair Marshall Goldstein said.

The Homecoming Committee was also interested in displaying quality performances, Paul said. There were two days of auditions and for the second day, groups were encouraged to "bring their A-game," Merle said. Three large skits and about 10 olio acts were cut to create the variety show agenda, McAdams Prescott said.

"It's important what we put out there is a quality show," McAdams Prescott said.

"You can tell who puts in the work," Merle said. "Their lines are memorized, they know their cues and they carry themselves well."

Bobby may no longer be in the title for Homecoming, but he will still be a big part of the variety show, Merle said.

Variety Show, Olio Acts

Act 1
■ "What is this feeling?" Jamie Lin and Dani LaDue

■ "Where's Waldo" Sigma Sigma Sigma/Phi Delta Theta

■ "Chicago" Dan Rasmussen

■ "Indiana Jones and the Calendar Caper" Phi Mu Alpha/Sigma Alpha Iota

■ "Dance Around the World" Bearcat Steppers

■ "Bobby Around the World: The Mascot Challenge" Alpha Gamma Rho/Sigma Society

Act 2
■ "Good Enough" Melissa Morina and Tricia Davis

■ "Where in the World is Bobby Bearcat" Alpha Sigma Alpha/Phi Sigma Kappa

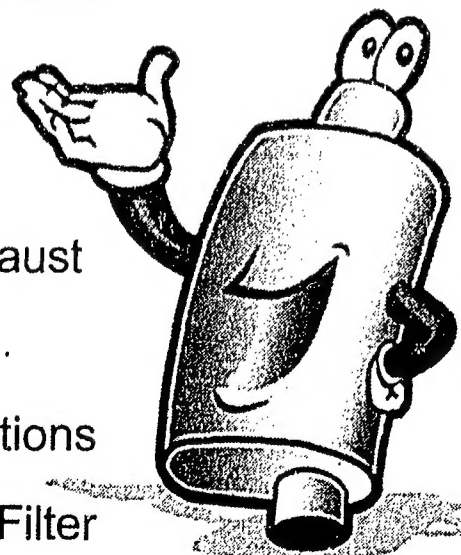
■ Stand up Comedy by Clint Keith "Where could Bobby Be" Phi Mu/Sigma Phi Epsilon

■ Rhythm of Diversity

■ "Indiana Jones and the Tjeerdsmas Crusade" Alpha Psi Omega

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The price of Bearcat pride

By Lisa Houtchens
Missourian Reporter

Homecoming is a time to show pride in the Bearcats, but that pride comes with a hefty price tag.

Showing Bearcat pride is something Northwest Greek Life takes very seriously. This is apparent in its preparation for homecoming.

"I pride the bond of our sisters during homecoming. We really stick together to get all the events done," Phi Mu President Robyn Thomas said.

Leading up to the final preview of Greek organizations' hard work

takes much preparation. Not only do they need to find a place to work, they also have to find a place to do it, get a trailer, a driver, order pumps, get the backdrop built and much more. They also vote on a fraternity to team with. This all takes many months to complete, said Sigma Kappa President Sarah Simmelink.

"The average is probably 3,000 hours. That's with skit and everything else for homecoming," Simmelink said.

The standard hours spent working on floats for Sigma Kappa is 10 hours per week for sophomore and juniors. The freshmen have been working on

six hours per week along with the seniors. There are two closed weekends that everyone has to attend and those contain 10 hours, Simmelink said.

The Phi Mu girls work about four hours per week. Phi Mu Homecoming Chair Gloria Carpio said. The hours are never more than six per week. The first week was eight hours, but they have been decreasing since the first week, Carpio said.

While spending time is a huge aspect of homecoming, the money that goes into these floats is also costly.

"I would say we spend...on average of \$3,000... it's really expensive," Simmelink said.

The pumps run about \$3 per bag, and there are 300 sheets per bag. Sigma Kappa has a double pumped float so it gets about 150 pumps out of each bag, Simmelink said. The Sigma Kappas spent approximately \$2,500 on pumps.

"We (Phi Mu) probably spent around \$1,000 or \$1,100 on pumps," Carpio said. "The price is pretty much the same every year... depending on the theme and what is in stock."

The costs of floats are divided up equally between both the sorority and fraternities.



A HORSE-DRAWN carriage carried Homecoming King Cody Gray and Queen Ashlee Freeman through the parade last year.

BAND WAKE-UP



AS A WALKOUT DAY tradition, the Northwest band parades around the residence halls early in the morning playing music. The band wake-up is a student-led activity. Don't worry about setting your alarm.

CAMPUS TALK—WHAT ARE YOU PLANS FOR WALKOUT DAY?



"I will be advising a delegation to the MACURH conference in Fargo, N.D.,"
Brandon Dubose
Hall Director



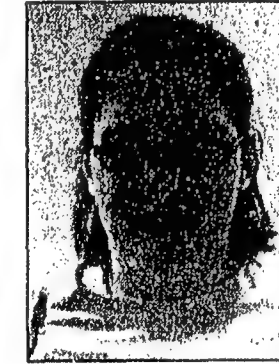
"Probably just stay at home, hang out with some friends, catch up on stuff I need to get done,"
Damon Ross
Management Information Systems



"I'll be working during the day. Then the fraternity I'm in, Phi Mu Alpha, has its executive board meeting that Friday,"
Seth Brummond
Math Education



"I'll be busy with a float,"
Stacy Woodward
IDM



"I'm going home,"
Alicia Cox
Academy Student



"We're watching movies in Perrin Hall. There's nothing going on on walk-out day. It's merely an urban legend,"
T.C. Lowe
Psychology



"My friends are having a barbecue and we're just going to be hanging out, watching whatever football game happens to be on, and I'm sure there'll be some extracurricular activities,"
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Homecoming combines cultural experience, tradition

International students share excitement for first homecoming

By Kelsi Jo Franklin
Missourian Reporter

Without a parade, homecoming would lose a sense of its spirit.

For graduate student Raymond Cha he has never experienced a parade of any kind. In Taiwan the streets are so crowded there is barely enough room for driving a vehicle, so a parade would be out of the question.

"This will be my first homecoming," Cha said. "I am so excited to get candy thrown to me during the parade."

This is also Hoyin Cho's first Homecoming. A Hong Kong native, he is not sure about all of the different traditions, especially the voting process for a king and queen.

"I do not want to make any of the other people running mad by not voting for them," Cho said. "Maybe I should go off of who looks the nicest in the picture."

Cha thinks voting for someone he does not know is not fair. Since he is new he wants to simply attend all of the various events throughout the week.

Masato Kayano, and Hirkaru Sato, both 19 and from Japan, are most excited for the football game. They have a friend who plays on the team.

In Japan, baseball and soccer are the two major sports to watch. There

is no football or homecoming.

"Football games are much more exciting to watch than a soccer or baseball game," Kayano said.

Tanabata, or the Festival of the Stars, is the only thing Sato could compare with homecoming.

Throughout Japan, Tanabata is celebrated every year on July 7 with a variety of festivities: music, dancing, parades, flower cars and times

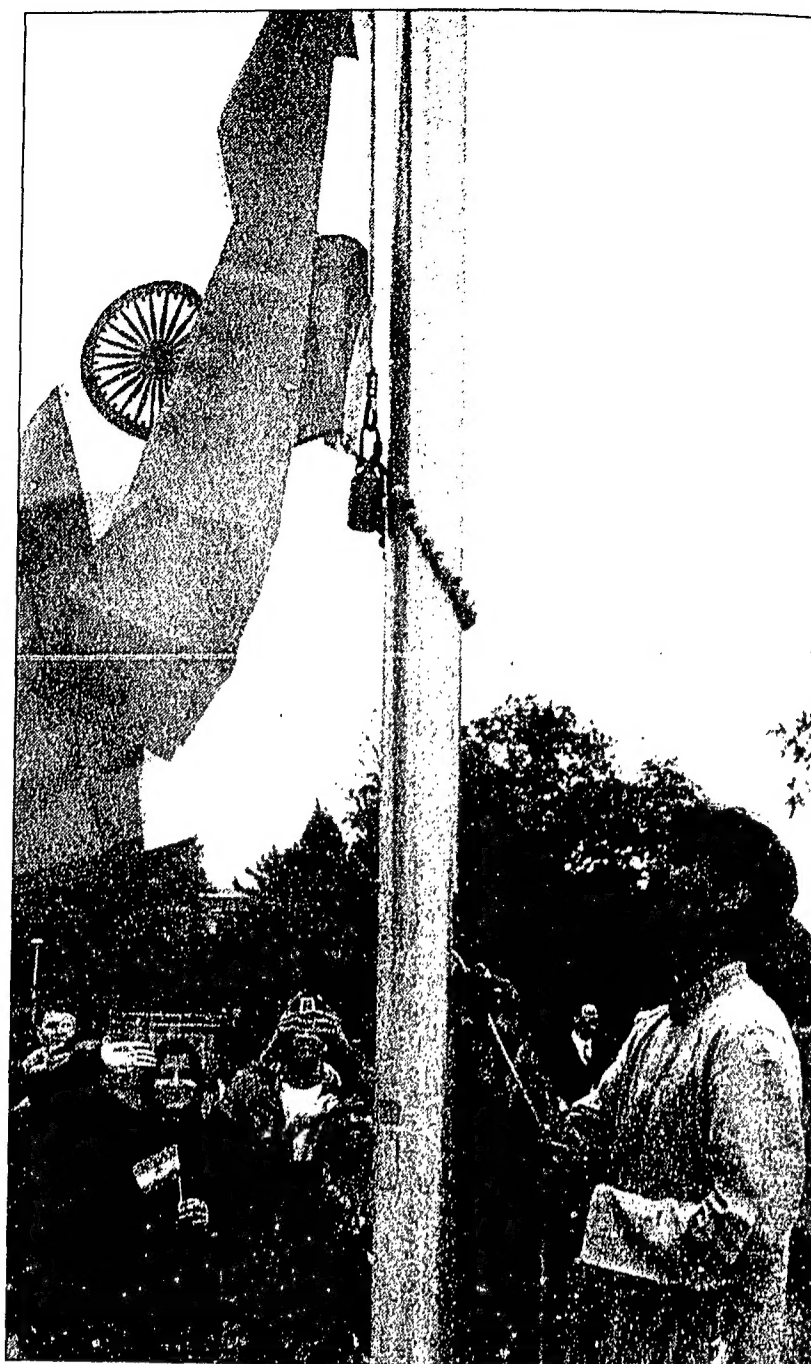
of prayer.

The consensus of the four international students was an attitude full of anticipation. All of the events are brand new and completely foreign to them. Their lack of knowledge triggers serious curiosity.

"I still hardly know anything about homecoming, but I want to know. I want to know everything," Kayano said.



(above and right) THE FLAG RAISING ceremony will commence at 2 p.m., Friday at the International Plaza. The ceremony is held with the purpose of expressing the University's commitment to global peace and multi-cultural education



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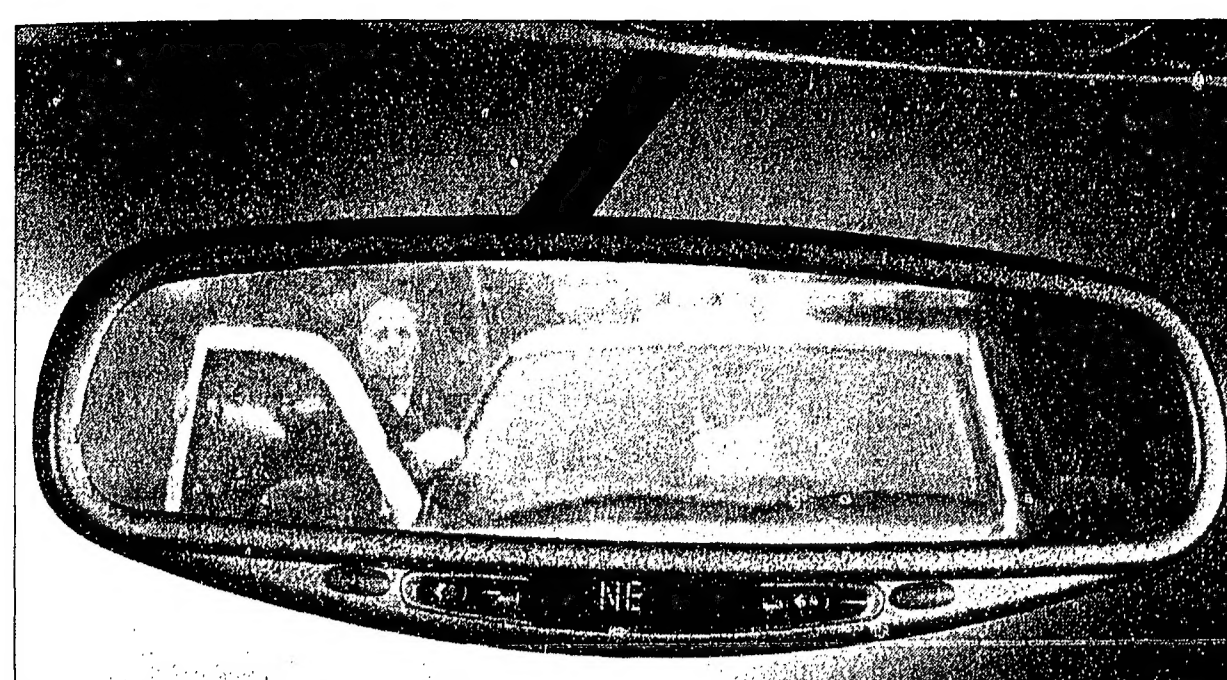


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Homecoming safety should be main priority

By Andrea James
Copy Editor

The safest bet is to not drink.

But if you do choose to drink alcohol during homecoming week, here are a few tips from Wellness Director/Assistant Director of Health, Beau Dooley and Campus Safety Director Clarence Green on alcohol safety that might be useful.

If you choose to drink:

- Do not drink in excess. Five or more drinks in one night for men and four or more drinks in one night for women is considered excessive.
- Know what you are drinking. Don't drink from open wells and make sure you know how much alcohol is in the beverage.
- Space out your alcoholic drinks. About one alcoholic drink per-hour is acceptable.
- Drink nonalcoholic drinks in between alcoholic ones.
- Eat food before you drink.
- Do not drink and drive or ride in a vehicle with someone who has been drinking.

- Know your surroundings. Be aware of who you are with and where you are. Make sure friends know where you will be.
- What to do if someone drinks too much:**
 - Get that person immediate medical attention. It is better to be safe than sorry.
 - Students need to make sure they are aware of the consequences and consume alcohol in a way that is responsible.

- What to do if you have a party:**
 - Limit how many people get invited
 - Serve food
 - Keep noise level down as much as possible
 - Don't drink so much that you can't control the party
 - Abide by all laws
 - Have people stay overnight or provide a sober ride
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Local establishments offer drink specials to keep bar hoppers happy

By Tara Adkins
Features Editor

Show your Bearcat pride with others by mingling around with the rest of the pack.

Local bars will provide grub to go along with your chug all weekend long through homecoming bar specials.



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The Outback

The 18th Annual Kegs and Eggs is back. Whether you wake up at the crack of dawn or stay up to party 'til dawn, The Outback will have your early bird drink specials starting at 6 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 27.

Get your morning boost with a breakfast buffet catered by Chris Cakes at this packed, pre-parade party event.

Burny's

If 6 a.m. is a tad too early for the homecoming weekend, Burny's offers a biscuits and gravy buffet starting at 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 27. Drink specials

and dances will go on both Friday and Saturday nights. But leave the car keys at home because a shuttle bus will be provided to transport people from the bar to the game all day Saturday.

The Pub

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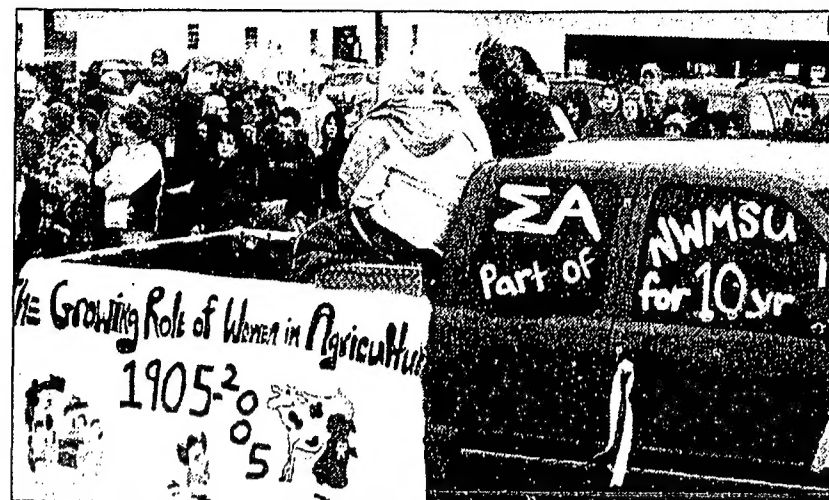
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ALUMNI AND STUDENTS flood the streets during homecoming weekend. With the increase of visitors, both Campus Safety and Public Safety will be placing extra officers on duty in order to secure a safe weekend.

By Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

Extra officers will be on duty for both Campus and Public Safety for Northwest's Homecoming weekend. An additional amount of officers have been scheduled for work Thursday evening through Sunday, Campus Safety Director Clearance Green said. "We'll have our normal homecoming staff," Green said. Public safety will be doubling shifts for officers beginning on Thursday. Lieutenant Ron Christian, of Maryville Public Safety, said officers will be on foot and in squad cars

throughout the weekend. "We will have our bar patrol out from Thursday to Saturday," Christian said. Officers will be on hand to handle parade festivities and football game events. Christian is hoping things go smoothly. "Last few years have been pretty well behaved," Christian said. He said the department plans to go about their normal routine for the Northwest Homecoming celebrations. Should any additional law enforcement assistance be needed, both Green and Christian said Nodaway County Sheriff's deputies are available.

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Greeks go 'Around the World'

By Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

Although homecoming is not just about the Greeks, fraternities and sororities play a big part in the competitive side of the event.

Greeks compete when it comes to floats, jaloopies and clowns in the parade. They also participate in the variety show.

Fraternities and sororities tend to be highly competitive during homecoming. Interim Campus Activities Director Angel McAdams Prescott said.

This means they participate in three or more activities. Organizations that participate in one or two categories are categorized as competitive.

Scoring each event is on a point scale and is based on creativity, color and organization.

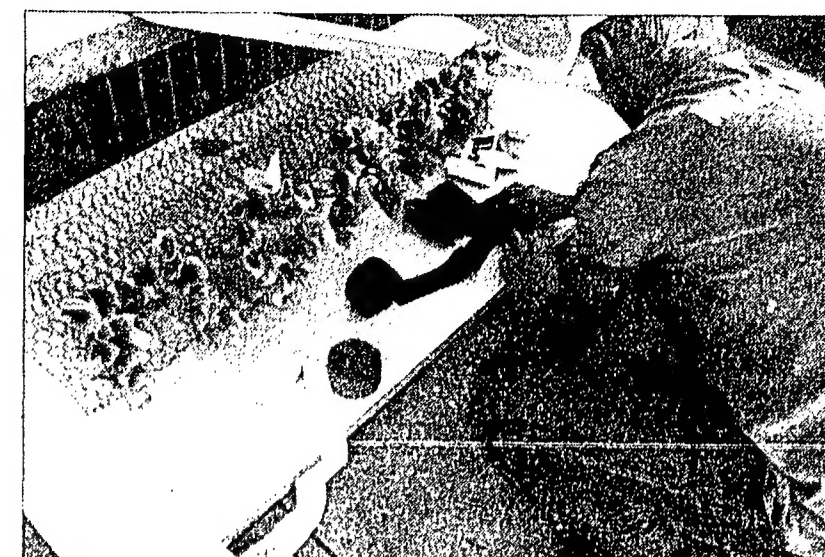
"Greek organizations are judged the same way as everyone else," McAdams Prescott said. "They just tend to be a little more competitive."

Many other campus organizations also participate in homecoming.

"There are 71 groups and organizations participating in homecoming. There are less than 20 fraternities and sororities on campus," McAdams Prescott said.

Building floats is one of the most competitive parts of Greek competition. Delta Chi member Vinnie Vanhooland said.

"Everyone goes all out on floats. I know we are putting in a lot of effort into our float for Delta Chi," Vanhooland said. "We are definitely going to win."



THE GREEK COMMUNITY spends an average of 3,000 hours on all homecoming activities, said Sigma Kappa President Sarah Sinnmelink.

Floats are judged on creativity, color and neatness.

Bonding with his fraternity brothers is what Vanhooland enjoys most about homecoming. "It's good to work on something together with my fraternity," Vanhooland said. "That bond created is important." Homecoming is open to anyone who would like to participate.

"We've tried this year to make participation possible for many different groups," McAdams Prescott said. "We've tried to find out why people haven't been involved in home-

coming. It is for everybody." Homecoming week begins with Sunday at the J.W. Jones Student Union and ends after the awards presentation at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28 at Bearcat Stadium.

The variety show takes place on Thursday, Oct. 25, and Friday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Each event is based solely on points at the end of the week. The awards ceremony takes place at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28, at Bearcat Stadium.

Supremacy Points	
Variety Show	100
Float	100
Clowns	100
Mini Float	100
Banner	100

Cash Prizes		
Variety Show		
First	\$500	\$400
Second	\$450	\$350
Third	\$400	\$300
Fourth	\$350	\$250
Float		
First	\$1700	\$700
Second	\$1500	\$560
Third	\$1100	\$415
Fourth	\$975	\$280
Fifth	\$650	\$200
Sixth	\$550	
Mini-float		
First	\$200	\$150
Second	\$110	\$100
Clowns (each category)		
First	\$50	
Second	\$40	
Third	\$30	
Fourth	\$20	
Jaloopies		
First	\$50	
Second	\$45	
Third	\$40	
Banner		
First	\$75	
Second	\$50	
Third	\$25	
Canned Art		
First	\$50	
Second	\$40	
Third	\$30	
Fourth	\$20	
Olio Acts		
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Homecoming 2007 events

Sunday, Oct. 21	Banner Competition	noon	Student Union
Monday, Oct. 22	Canned Art Competition	10 a.m.	
	Department Decoration Contest	2 p.m.	Student Union Library
	Homecoming Archives Display		
	Penny Wars for Give Kids the World		
	(Sponsored by Alternative Spring Break)		
Tuesday, Oct. 23	Homecoming Archives Display		Library
	Penny Wars for Give Kids the World		
	Sponsored by Alternative Spring Break		
Wednesday, Oct. 24	Comedy Show		
	Co-Sponsored by SAC	7 p.m.	Performing Arts Center Library
	Homecoming Archives Display		
	Penny Wars for Give Kids the World		
	(Sponsored by Alternative Spring Break)		
Thursday, Oct. 25	Everett Brown Memorial Dedication	2 p.m.	Horace Mann Student Union
	International Buffet	5 p.m.	Performing Arts Center
	Variety Show	7 p.m.	Performing Arts Center Library
	Royalty Crowning	9 p.m.	
	Homecoming Archives Display		
	Penny Wars for Give Kids the World		
	(Sponsored by Alternative Spring Break)		
Friday, Oct. 26	Bell Ringing	8 a.m.	Bell of '48
	Golden Years Class Reunion	9 a.m.	Alumni House
	Alumni Golf Outing	noon	Mozingo Gold Course
	Walkout Day Celebration	noon - 4 p.m.	Colden Pond
	(Co-sponsored by SAC, RHA and IIC)		
	Flag Raising Ceremony	2 p.m.	International Plaza
	M-Club Hall of Fame Banquet	6:30 p.m.	Student Union
	Variety Show	7 p.m.	Performing Arts Center Library
	Homecoming Archives Display		
	Penny Wars for Give Kids the World		
	(Sponsored by Alternative Spring Break)		
Saturday, Oct. 27	Alumni Open House	8 a.m.	Alumni House
	Parade	9 a.m.	
	Hudson and Perrin Open House	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Hudson and Perrin Residence Halls
	(Sponsored by Residence Life and RHA)		
	Bearcat Zone	11 a.m.	College Park
	Football Game	1:30 p.m.	Bearcat Stadium
	Miss Black and Gold Pageant	7 p.m.	Charles Johnson Theater
	Homecoming Archives Display		Library
	Penny Wars for Give Kids the World		
	Sponsored by Alternative Spring Break		
Sunday, Oct. 28	Awards Presentation	1 p.m.	Bearcat Stadium Library
	Homecoming Archives Display		

Homecoming parade route

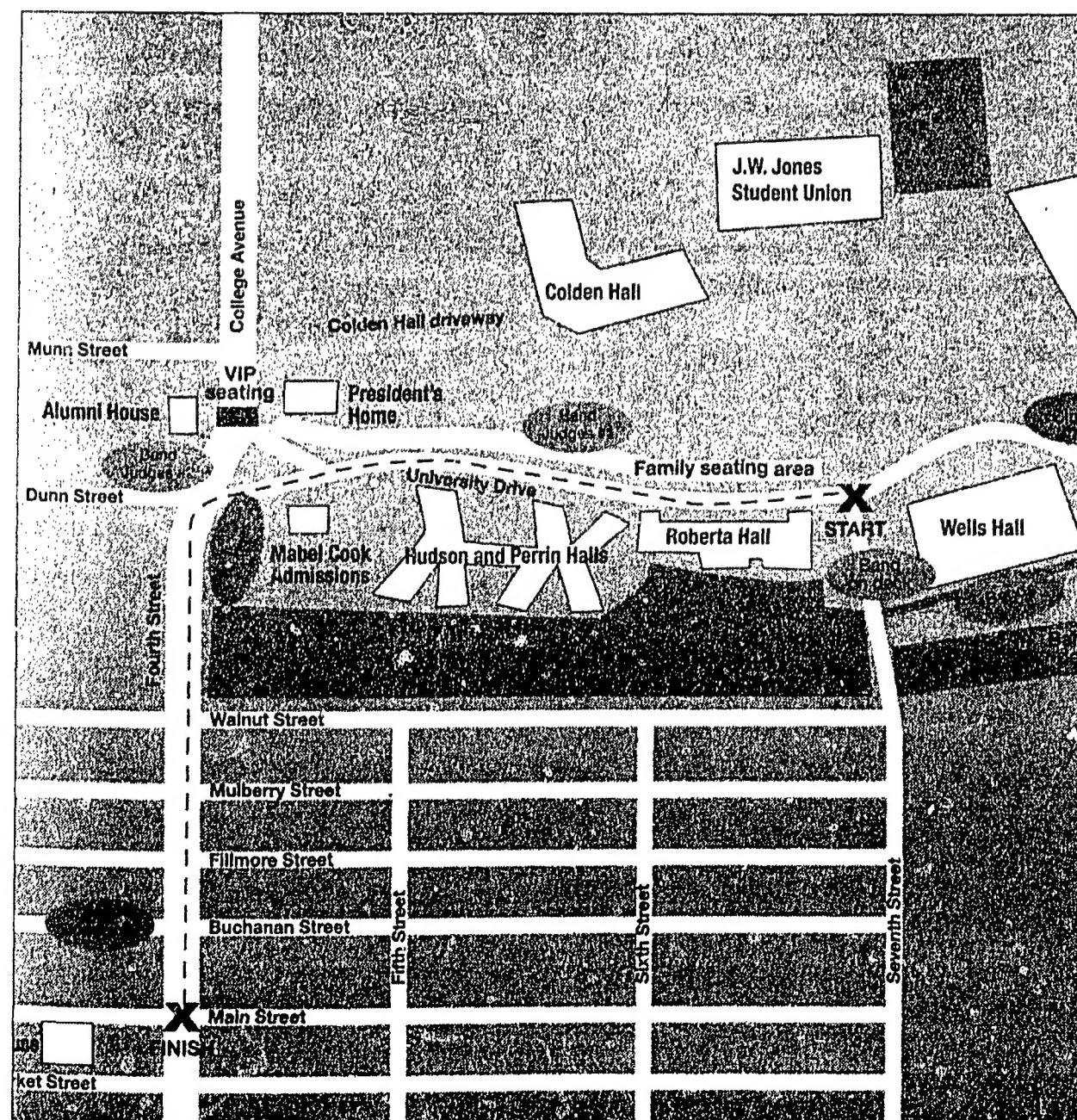
Bearcats of all ages will have a chance to go "Around the World" as the 2007 Homecoming Parade travels Maryville streets at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

The Homecoming parade starts in front Roberta Hall and will proceed south to the main University entrance at Fourth Street then continue east on Fourth Street to the Maryville courthouse square, where it will turn north on Market before ending at the corner of Sixth Street.



THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING parade will focus on this year's Homecoming theme, "Around the World." Floats, clowns and jalopies are some of the categories participants can enter for the parade. The parade begins at the corner of Seventh Street and University Drive.

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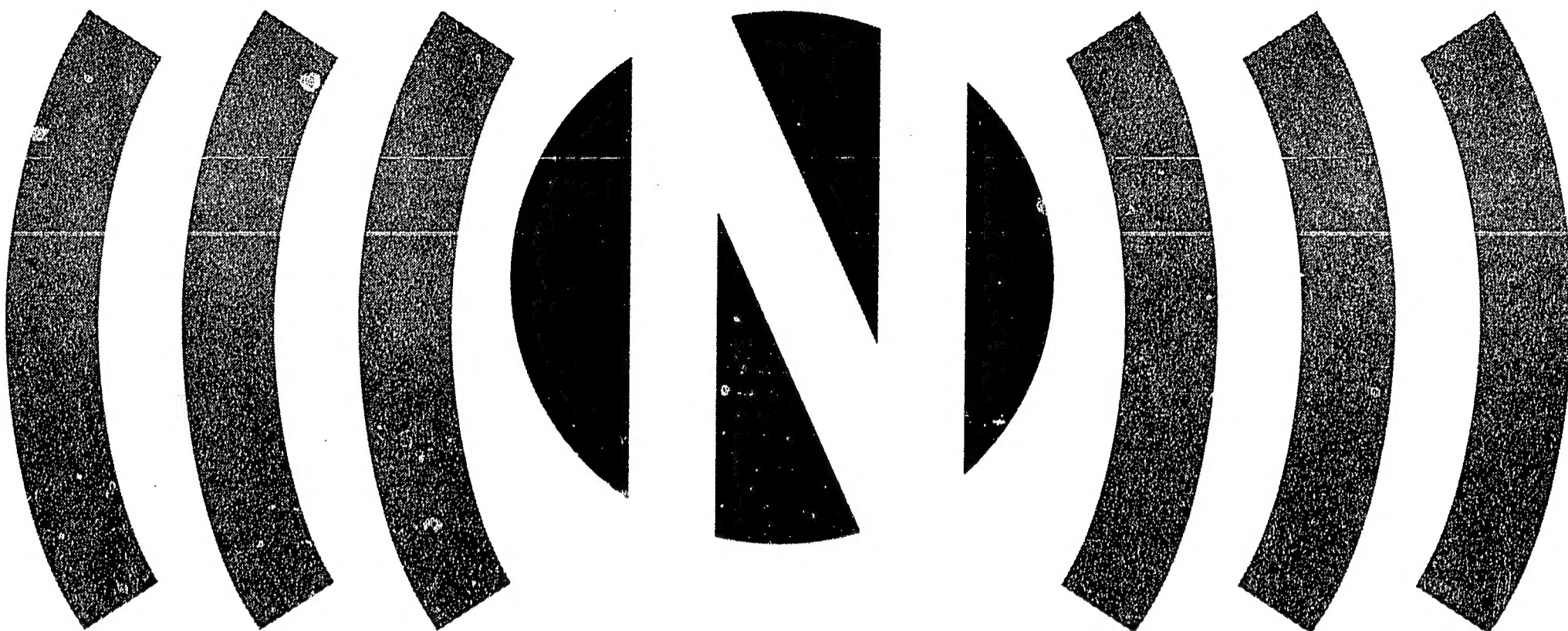
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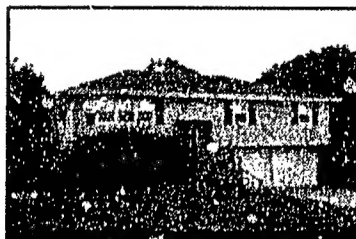
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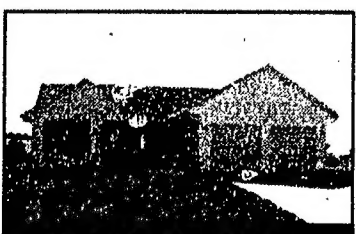
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